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Facilities Funding Webinar County Grant Fund 2025

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Agenda

- Overview of County Grant Fund
- Eligibility
- Project Themes
- Amount of Grant
- Partnership Funding
- Key Dates
- Planning your Project
- Application Process

Overview

Priority will be given to applications from Clubs that are **actively engaged** with ECB programmes **All Stars or Dynamos in 2025, and/or actively involved with competitive female cricket** (defined as at least one female team with a minimum of three competitive female fixtures in the 2025 season) and/or **Disability Cricket** (defined as being a registered Disability Champion Cricket Club in 2025 or a registered host for the Disability Premier League). It is an expectation that any junior programme will include and actively engage with girls.

Eligibility

1. Creating Welcoming Environments – open to ECB affiliated Cricket Clubs registered for **All Stars or Dynamos in 2025, and/or actively involved with competitive female cricket** (defined as at least one female team with a minimum of three competitive female fixtures in the 2025 season) and/or **Disability Cricket** (defined as being a registered Disability Champion Cricket Club in 2025 or a registered host for the Disability Premier League). It is an expectation that any junior programme will include and actively engage with girls.
2. Providing Enhanced Facilities and Playing Opportunities - open to ECB affiliated Cricket Clubs actively engaged in competitive womens only cricket and/or disability cricket (definitions as above).
3. Tackling Climate Change – open to any ECB affiliated Cricket Clubs.

As a **minimum**, Clubs must have the following:

- Affiliation to Cricket Wales
- Governing Document - Constitution, Articles of Association or equivalent governing document
- Valid Buildings, Contents and Public Liability Insurance
- Security of Tenure - Leasehold, Freehold or Licence (minimum one year)
- A bank account in the Club's name
- Financial accounts from the Club's last budget year
- Fully compliant of ECB Safe Hands Portal
- Adoption of the ECB Anti-Discrimination Policy
- **Additional documentation may be requested depending on the project type, i.e. planning permission, Building Regs, feasibility study, etc.**

Ineligible Projects

- Large scale pavilion and communal changing facility projects (over £100k)
- Any project already funded by an ECB / EWCT Grant or Loan
- Any project already started

Can I apply again?

Clubs may apply for up to one grant per ECB budget year (which runs from 1 February - 31 January). Clubs will **not** be able to apply for a second grant for the same project theme for the following 2 years.

Project Themes

Clubs should choose **one** project theme only!

1. Creating Welcoming Environments



2. Providing Enhanced Facilities and Playing Opportunities



3. Tackling Climate Change



Creating Welcoming Environments



- Social Space – furniture / decoration / flooring / patio / decking / heating / glazing
- **Toilet Facilities – sanitaryware / tiling / flooring / baby-changing facilities**
- Catering – kitchen units / appliances / professional catering equipment / barbecue
- Arrival and Access – lighting / signage / car park / disabled access
- Digitising – WiFi / Broadband hardware (excludes subscription fees) / TVs / PA or Music systems / Electronic Point of Sale equipment / Electronic Scoreboards (only if part of a wider digitisation project)




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Northop CC: Creating Welcoming Environments Clubroom Renovation

Following consultation with members, it was felt that the clubhouse area was quite intimidating and a male-dominated area. Along with the female toilets these two spaces were not comfortable for everyone



The Club received **£10,000** from the ECB County Grants Fund. The lounge is now an area where people are happy to sit and spend time with a warm and inviting ambience. The female toilet is now accessible and has baby change facilities

Providing Enhanced Facilities and Playing Opportunities



Enhanced Changing Facilities:

- Create individual shower spaces with drying areas
- Improved toilet provision – sanitaryware / tiling / flooring o
Decoration / mirrors / hand dryers / grooming points
- Personal possession lockers

(Applications will **not** be accepted for Non-Turf Pitches and Outdoor Practice Nets, clubs should apply to Sport Wales Be Active Wales Fund)

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Newport Fugitives CC: Providing Enhanced Facilities New toilet and showering facilities

The club sought to modernise its toilet and showering facilities to meet the needs of female members and visitors. There were open showers and urinals in this space which was not suitable for all the club's participants.



The Club received **£10,000** from the ECB County Grants Fund and have created modern changing facilities with cubicle showers and drying areas. Now the facilities are more welcoming and more appropriate for women and girls.

This project was delivered in partnership with Rogerstone Football Club.

Tackling Climate Change

- Flood Resilience – building protection
- Drought Resilience – rainwater harvesting / bore holes / irrigation**
- Energy Saving – Insulation / LED lighting / Solar PV / Solar Thermal / energy-efficient heating systems / double or triple glazing
- Water Management – Water-saving sanitaryware / greywater recycling / efficient appliances

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Vale Cricket Club: Tackling Climate Change Solar PV Project

High utility costs were a high percentage of annual revenue spend. The club wanted to reduce electrical costs and become more sustainable



The Club received **£10,000** from the ECB County Grants Fund. This was part of a larger project linked to the Sport Wales Energy Saving Grant. This was prompted after the club completed an energy saving report in 2024.

Funding

- £1000 - £10,000 per application
- Partnership funding is the difference between the total project cost and the amount of grant. It can be sourced from Club funds, other grant bodies or sponsorship etc
- The amount of grant offered may differ from that requested by the Club. CW has a pre-determined budget so the amount of funding we allocate may vary.

Key Dates

1. County Grant Fund webinar 14th January 18:00
2. Online drop in clinic 1:1 appointments 28th January 10:00-18:30
3. Expression of Interest open 3rd-16th February
4. Panel review Expression of Interests 20th February
5. Communication sent to all applicants 21st February
6. Stage 2 application open 21st February – 20th March – **no outstanding documentation or due diligence after this stage**
7. Panel review Stage 2 applications 21st March
8. Communication sent to all applicants 24th March
9. Project completion and reported to ECB no later than 31st December 2025

Planning your project

- Clubs should give careful thought and planning to the project
- Allow the right time
- For projects with a total project cost of up to and including £24,999, Clubs are required to submit official 'like-for-like' quotations (or tenders) from two different suppliers. For projects with a total project cost of £25,000 and above, a minimum of three quotes will be required.

Be Aware ...

Some projects require planning permission. **Never assume it will not be required** - only the local planning authority can confirm if it is or not. If planning permission is required, the process can take on average 12 weeks for a decision. **We need evidence even if not required.**

Examples of projects likely to require planning:

- Replacement doors and windows (in a conservation area)
- New or extended patio / decking areas
- Roof mounted solar panels (in a conservation area)
- Ground mounted solar panels
- Exterior signage (including boundary advertising)
- Car park
- Building extensions

Process

- Access to the application will be via the online Investment Management System (IMS) at <https://ims.ecb.co.uk>
- The Club will need to identify two contacts (authorised signatories) to act on its behalf for the project
- Complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form containing information about the proposed project including who it will impact and what difference it will make. **More information you can include the better.**
DON'T tell us your club history!



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