



Durham County Cricket Club Youth Trust: Club Small Grant Scheme Grant Guidelines

The aim of the Durham County Cricket Club Youth Trust Club Small Grant Scheme (the Fund) is to support the growth of young cricketers (children and young adults) in the North East and consequently strengthening clubs, as well as the sport, in the area.

The Fund is particularly interested in applications that have considered the wider social needs of the area in which they are based and that improve engagement in cricket at a grassroots level in that area. Grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available with £2,500 being the maximum available per financial year.

To apply to this fund your organisation must be:

- Affiliated to Durham Cricket Board
- Seeking a grant of between £500 and £2,500 for a project which is clearly linked to the above aims of the grant
- Based between the River Tyne and the River Tees
- Engaged predominantly in the sport of Cricket (although other sports may be played by the club)

What type of activities will we fund?

- Cricket equipment that is predominantly for the use of young cricketers to further their engagement with the sport.
- Competitions, festivals, tournaments and events that have a clear focus towards children and young people becoming more engaged in playing cricket.
- One off transport costs to competitions, festivals, tournaments and events that promote and support young cricketers, have a clear exit route into a sustained activity for children and young people
- Facility hire for training (up to £25 per hour and a maximum value of £250). It must be made clear how the facility hire will encourage young cricketers
- Promotional materials
- Club outreach activities to the wider community as long as they are focused towards the promotion of and encouraging young cricketers.
- Officiating Fees (One off events)
- Coaching fees (up to £20 per hour and a maximum value of £300)

This fund will not support:

- Qualifications and training
- Bowling machines
- Strips and clothing
- Overseas transport
- Ongoing transport costs
- Facility hire for fixtures

- Building or Capital works – unless the application clearly demonstrate how the project meets the funding outcomes
- IT or Technology not directly used in the sport
- Salaries
- Accommodation
- Affiliation fees
- Insurance
- Trophies, medals, prizes
- Competition entry fees
- Non-essential enhancements that have no impact on sustainability
- Surveyor or planning costs
- Feasibility studies

Outcomes

The aim of the Fund is to support the growth of young cricketers (children and young adults) in the North East so strengthening and sustaining clubs and the sport in this area. In order to measure outcomes of the above all projects are required to demonstrate impact against one or both of the following :

- Increased opportunities for children and young people to participate in cricket
This can include the number of new teams/sections that the club has set up or the additional number of young people attending the club regularly as a result of the project.
- Volunteer Opportunities
This can include the number of new volunteers or opportunities provided for volunteering within the club to support young cricketers.

Organisations seeking funding must satisfy the following conditions:

Volunteer-led organisations, registered charities and CIOs must:	Social enterprises, Community Interest Companies (CIC) and other companies must:
Have a management committee with a minimum of four unrelated members	Have a management committee with a minimum of three unrelated directors, or four directors if two are related
Have a bank or building society account in the name of the organisation/group, with a minimum of two unrelated cheque signatories	Have a bank or building society account in the name of the organisation/company, with a minimum of two unrelated cheque signatories
Have charitable aims	Have clear charitable purposes and a defined social benefit
Provide evidence of good governance practices and sound financial management (including registering with the Charity Commission, CASC or other governing body, depending on the size of the organisation)	Have a recognised status (e.g. a company limited by guarantee), and be registered with the necessary relevant body (e.g. Companies House)
Usually, you must register with the Charity Commission if your charity is based in England or Wales and has over £5,000 income per year. We may ask for evidence of this in the form of a letter from the Charity Commission confirming receipt of your application for charitable status.	Have a nominated organisation as an asset lock body.

In managing your organisation, we would expect that the appropriate policies are in place. These should include (if appropriate) but not be restricted to:

- safeguarding policies and procedures for children and vulnerable adults
- public liability insurance
- employer's liability
- equality and diversity
- disclosure and barring service (DBS) checks carried out and in place for all paid and unpaid volunteer staff working with children and vulnerable adults
- suitable planning permissions and/or other regulations approval are in place prior to the commencement of any improvements to building or land as required.

While we may not always ask that these are submitted with all applications, we do anticipate that you hold appropriate assurances and that these can be produced upon request.

We are unable to accept application from groups that:

- have not returned monitoring forms for previous grants
- are subject to an investigation by the Charity Commission, the police or any other organisation in a legal capacity
- are connected to the donor unless a full and independent assessment has taken place to ensure that there is no conflict of interest and the proposed grant offers value for money,
- have restricted membership other than that associated with the objects of the group itself i.e. necessary for the safety/wellbeing of disadvantaged users,
- fail due diligence or do not comply with Charity Commission guidelines i.e. we would not make grants to organisations that had related bank signatories, several related trustees, income well in excess of the threshold for charitable registration etc.

Can you apply to other Programmes?

Yes, applying to the County Durham Cricket Club Youth Trust does not restrict you from applying to other County Durham Community Foundation grant programmes.

Need more help?

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