

Question	Answer
Is the fund open to clubs who do not own their own grounds, but instead are tenants?	Yes, there is flexibility regarding Security of Tenure and we have templates to support you with this
We are in desperate need for drainage on our pitch. Currently field share with a football team who currently have help from the FA or some football related funding.	The first step would be to complete a PitchPower assessment to understand the maintenance programme and see what can be done to improve the playing pitch quality
I am already meeting with Tom Little about funding for pitch investment - is this the same pot of money or different?	The Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund is brand new and hasn't been accessed before by RL clubs, so any existing projects or applications you have are separate to this.
I have done the pitch power report, what are the next steps?	Once you have a PitchPower report, an up-to-date Health Check and Development Plan you will be able to access the Football Foundation application portal and progress through the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund application process
Does this count if we rent our pitch from a council as ours needs extending?	Yes, there is flexibility regarding Security of Tenure and we have templates to support you with this
What are the timescales for development and pitch completion and what length of time is the pitch maintenance guaranteed for?	This is a tapered fund over a 6-year period, the applicant will have to top up by 33% contribution in Year 3 & 4 and 67% in Years 5 & 6 after which the applicant is expected to be able to fully fund the cost of maintaining the pitch to a 'Good' standard. It is a 10-year programme where the applicant will have to provide 2 PitchPower assessments of each pitch per year. By accessing the fund, the applicant commits to a programme of maintenance for each grass pitch which is approved by the Grounds Management Association.
Does this maintenance fund cover pitch barriers?	No

<p>Will the fund be for multiple pitches or just one?</p>	<p>This can fund all Senior and Junior grass pitches on a rugby league site. Pitches are funded independently of one another, but we encourage contracting for works using multiple pitches to benefit from cost savings. In areas where clubs are close by you may benefit from working collaboratively to negotiate an even better price.</p>
<p>Would the fund cover drainage and floodlighting?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>What's the timescale when works start and what time of year is it likely to happen?</p>	<p>We recommend that larger works happen outside of RL season (before or after) regular maintenance can happen during the season and if necessary, adaptations to fixture schedules can be arranged to facilitate renovations on pitches. Best timings for works are covered in the GMA RL handbook</p>
<p>Are hybrid pitches captured within the parameters of this fund?</p>	<p>Yes, we have included hybrid pitches amongst the eligible surfaces for this fund</p>
<p>Can applications be made to the fund for facilities/pitches not owned by the club but hired by it.</p>	<p>Yes, providing you can satisfy one of the Security of Tenure conditions</p>
<p>Will we be able to apply for machinery. E.G. quadraplay, spider.</p>	<p>Yes, machinery can be applied for but this must be identified as a need from the PitchPower report to be eligible</p>
<p>Would this cover putting drainage in?</p>	<p>We would look at improving the maintenance programme and regular aeration/vertidrain before exploring drainage works which this fund won't cover</p>
<p>Can funding be applied for retrospectively for work that has already recently been carried out?</p>	<p>No</p>

Does security of tenure of pitches have an impact on whether clubs can apply? We don't have either a freehold or leasehold. We play on a public park but have an unwritten agreement with the local council that we will manage (cut, mark and occasional funded drainage) the pitch in return for priority use.	Clubs without a freehold, leasehold or licence can apply for the fund and satisfy the SoT terms using the Grass Pitch Maintenance Proforma
As a club we lease the access to our venues, are we able to apply to cover the cost of the maintenance that is carried out on our behalf?	Retrospective works cannot be claimed for, but works to improve the rating of the pitch quality which might include changes and additions to your current programme can
Will the fund cover marking paint that utilise pitches for both football and Rugby League? Our club has recently started working closely with a football team and are in the process of implementing removable rugby posts and removable football posts and will have to have multiple coloured lines marked out	All maintenance costs including line marking can potentially be covered by the GPMF, but would need to be identified as a need by the PitchPower report
We have an irrigation system installed in our pitch but it needs some repairs doing to it, would the fund cover this?	No, the fund wouldn't cover these costs
How are sites that have multiple sports on one pitch catered for with the fund?	One pitch = one funding investment regardless of sport
Will there be provision for equipment or is this purely for seed/Marking paint?	Equipment can be funded from the GPMF if identified as a need in the PitchPower assessment
We're on a public park but suffer massively with drainage issues. We have a licence for the pitches from the local council with our lease for the changing rooms, does this affect eligibility?	Providing you can meet one of the several options (freehold, leasehold, licence, landlord/tenant agreement or proforma) then you will satisfy the requirements to access the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund
What is the minimum/maximum amount the club can apply for?	£3600 per adult pitch £2800 per junior pitch inc VAT. This will be paid up front so the club doesn't have to have capital available for initial outlay. All receipts need to be kept and reported back on to Football Foundation
How much is available for a project?	£3600 for Senior Pitches £2800 for Junior Pitches
What would that cover?	Enhanced grass pitch maintenance
How long does approval take?	At least 2 weeks

Does the site need to cover multi-sport ie RL & Football. Or is a standalone summer Tag Rugby (RL) pitch suitable?	Funding is available for football, rugby union, rugby league and cricket. On pitches where more than one sport is played, only one allocation of funding will be allocated meaning no pitch can receive double funding
We are looking to expand our main pitch to become a full size which would require back filling at one end to make it level with current the pitch, is this something that would fall in grant criteria?	No, the fund would only cover enhanced maintenance to existing pitches that improve or sustain their PQS rating

Funding breakdown

How the revenue funding works for 1 pitch below Good standard:

	Grant	Club
Year 1	3600	0
Year 2	3600	0
Year 3	2400	1200
Year 4	2400	1200
Year 5	1200	2400
Year 6	1200	2400
Total	14400	7200

How the revenue funding works for 1 pitch above Basic standard:

	Grant	Club
Year 1	960	0
Year 2	960	0
Year 3	640	0
Year 4	640	0
Year 5	320	0
Year 6	320	0

Total	3840	0
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Can we get funding for machinery?

Clubs and Community Foundations can also receive capital funding towards the machinery recommendations included in your RPA report. This funding will contribute 75% of the purchase price up to a total value of £25000. You must also be able to provide evidence of secure storage, insurance and warranty for the purchased items along with planning permission if applicable. This funding is designed to help you save costs over the long term for your ground's maintenance procedures.