



England Athletics Club Support Fund: Facilities Improvement Fund Application and Process guidance document

March 1st - 23rd April

England Athletics are delighted to be able to offer a Facilities Improvement Fund for affiliated clubs and facility owners / operators to access as we look towards the start of the new outdoor season with greater excitement and considering the recent announcements that organised outdoor sport can return from 29th March onwards.

The over-arching aim of this fund is to support clubs to become safe, sustainable and welcoming so they can be the best they can be and create vibrant environments for their members.

The specific aims of the Facilities Improvement Fund are to:

- Support clubs/venues to achieve UKA TrackMark accreditation
- Improve and enhance track and field facilities
- Increase facility usage
- Enhance athlete experience
- Increase club membership

The application window for the Facilities Improvement Fund will open on **1st March 2021** and close on **23rd April 2021**.

We have released details of round 2 of the main Club Support Fund – [click here for more details](#).

We want to encourage applications that focus on inclusion and diversity!

How much funding can I apply for?

We will make grant awards of between £500-£5000

What we will fund

- Throws cage upgrades/repair work
- Track cleans, repairs, resurfacing
- “Major items” of track and field equipment: Pole Vault/High Jump landing beds, hurdles/barriers, throws disability fixings, photo finish,
- Equipment (plant): Track cleaning machine etc
- Floodlighting: install/upgrade/repair

Application Process and Criteria

We want the application process to be as straight forward as possible. We also want this fund to have as much impact on athletics and running as possible, and we want to be able to support you where we can to deliver the outcomes of your project. The key criteria you need to comply with are:

- We will only award funding towards Capital costs
- All work and/or equipment purchases must be completed before 31st March 2022. We will also retrospectively fund work carried out in preparation for a return to training or competition for the 2021-22 season.
- Applications from England Athletics affiliated clubs that ***formally manage athletics facilities** will be given a high priority. (**must be able to demonstrate security of tenure at the facility. i.e. a lease or licence*)
- The application needs to demonstrate how the funding will enhance the club **or competitive** environment and have a positive impact on registered England Athletics members
- We need to see exactly how much funding is required and what it will be spent on
- **For affiliated clubs you will** need to already be complying with our Club Standards or show a commitment to working towards them; [click here to find out more](#).
- **Members of the Sport & Play Construction Association (SAPCA) must be used for all capital work and equipment purchases.**