



# British Baseball Federation

## Development Fund for Affiliated Clubs 2024

### Application Process



## **Grant Funding Application Process**

### **1. Introduction:**

- The grant funding is designed to support affiliated clubs within the British Baseball Federation (BBF).
- The purpose of the grant is to facilitate development initiatives and enhance the overall quality and accessibility of sports at the grassroots level.

### **2. Background:**

- The BBF has secured funds following the successful participation of Great Britain National Team in the World Baseball Classic (WBC) in 2023.
- The commitment to reinvest these funds into grassroots development reflects the BBF's dedication to fostering growth and excellence within its affiliated clubs.

### **3. Eligibility Criteria:**

- The grant is exclusively available to affiliated clubs of the BBF.
- Only club applications will be considered.

### **4. Grant Amount:**

- Two grant tiers are available:
- Small Grant: Up to £800
- Large Grant: Up to £3000
- Affiliated clubs may submit grant applications for either the small or large grant tier once per 10-month cycle.

## **5. Application Submission:**

- Affiliated clubs can submit their grant applications at any time.
- Applications must be completed using the official grant application form provided by the BBF.
- Applicants must clearly specify whether they are applying for the small or large grant tier.
- Applications should demonstrate alignment with the strategic goals outlined in the BBF's 2035 Our Future document.

## **6. Review by Development Committee:**

- All submitted applications will be reviewed by the Development Committee.
- The committee will assess each application based on predefined criteria, including the proposed project's impact, feasibility, match funding and alignment with the BBF's development goals and the BBF's 2035 Our Future document.

## **7. Scoring and Recommendations:**

- The Development Committee will score each application against a set of predetermined criteria.
- Scores will be used to make recommendations to the BBF Board regarding the approval or rejection of each application.

## **8. Board Approval:**

- The BBF Board will consider the recommendations made by the Development Committee.
- The Board will make the final decision on whether to approve or reject each application.

## **9. Notification to Clubs:**

- Clubs will be notified of the outcome of their application within a reasonable timeframe after the Board's decision.
- Successful clubs will receive information on the next steps, including the grant award amount and any reporting requirements.

## **10. Exclusivity and Funding Streams:**

- Clubs awarded this grant are not permitted to combine the funds with other specific funding streams such as BSUK facilities or BBF youth grant.
- The grant funds must be utilised exclusively for the approved project outlined in the application.

## **11. Reporting Requirements:**

- Clubs that receive grant funding must provide regular progress reports to the BBF, detailing how the funds are being utilised and the impact on club development.

## **12. Communication and Marketing Collaboration:**

- Successful grant recipients are required to collaborate with the BBF Communications and Marketing department to promote their projects and provide regular updates.
- Recipients must work closely with the BBF Comms and Marketing team to develop promotional materials, such as press releases, social media posts, and website content, to showcase the impact of the funded projects.
- Recipients are responsible for providing timely updates and progress reports to the BBF Comms and Marketing department for dissemination to stakeholders and the wider community.
- The announcement of grant award winners will be the responsibility of the BBF, who will coordinate with recipients to ensure accurate and timely communication.

- This addition ensures that successful applicants understand their obligations regarding communication and marketing efforts and clarifies the role of the BBF in announcing grant award winners. Adjust the language as necessary to align with your NGB's specific communication protocols and requirements.

### **13. Closing Thoughts:**

- The BBF encourages clubs to take advantage of this funding opportunity, made possible by the successful participation of Great Britain National Team in the WBC 2023, to enhance the overall development of sports at the grassroots level while aligning with the strategic vision outlined in the BBF 2035 Our Future document.

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