



WALES GRASSROOTS FACILITIES FUND – PHASE 1 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A Grassroots Facilities Fund has been created by FAW, with a Phase 1 funding pot totalling £1.3m, being provided by the UK Government.
- This funding is designed to support initial priority applications for projects which can have signed grant agreements and be initiated by March 2022 and be completed by the end of June 2022. We are also using this first phase to demonstrate the need and business case for further funding covering the period from 1st April 2022.
- The FAW's "Our Wales" strategy sets a bold ambition to achieve:
 - 30,000 new male and female players by 2026; and
 - Doubling the number of women and girls' players to 20,000 by 2026.

This increase in participation translates into a significant demand for new and improved facilities i.e. over 4,500 additional pitch hours per week.

The Grassroots Fund will therefore focus on delivering better and/or more facilities which will then help retain current players and also attract new players, including more female players, players with disabilities and players from different ethnic backgrounds.

- Given the high levels of need for more and improved grassroots facilities, we expect to receive a large number of applications. If you do not have any funding to contribute towards your application, this will not prevent us from supporting your project if it scores highly against the other priority criteria.

However, we will assess financial need as well as sustainability and whilst there are no fixed maximum grant levels, partnership funding will enable us to better respond to the demand and share the funding more widely. If you are able to contribute towards the cost of the project, please make reference to this on the Expression of Interest form. Further details are set out in the Guidance document.

- Expressions of Interest in Phase 1 need to be submitted by 2200 hours on 2nd December 2021 and via Survey Monkey. [Please click here to access the form.](#)
- The Expression of Interest is not a detailed application form, so at this stage, we are not asking for drawings, specifications etc. Instead, it is designed to find out what you want to do and why, i.e. the reason for the project, what it will achieve, the projected impacts and benefits, what you expect it to cost, how much money you need, how soon you will be able to start etc.
- We hope you find the Expression of Interest form easy to complete and submit. If you have any questions in relation to the process, please email facilities@faw.cymru. Your request will then be forwarded to someone who can help you with your query.

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KEY DATES

2200hrs on Thursday 2nd December 2021

Deadline for submitting the completed Expression of Interest form to the FAW via the following link: [Please click here to access the form](#).

Any Expressions of Interest submitted to the FAW after 2200 hrs on 2nd December 2021, **will not be considered for any Phase 1, 2022 funding**. However, they will be put forward for future funding phases as soon as they have been announced.

Week commencing 17th December, 2021

In respect of Expressions of Interest that, following assessment, receive a 'green light' to proceed to the detailed application phase, the contact on the Expression of Interest form will then receive an invitation to submit more detailed plans, and will also be advised of an FAW account manager, who will support them through the next stage of the application process.

By 31st January 2022

Deadline for submitting detailed Phase 1 application forms.

By 25th February 2022

Following a detailed assessment of all applications by an Independent Panel, grant funding offers to be issued to all successful Phase 1 applicants.

By 10th March, 2022

Contractual commitment deadline - grant funding offer letters (contracts) to be signed and returned by all successful applicants to the FAW and projects are initiated.

By 30th June 2022

Phase 1 funded projects to be completed.