



WALES GRASSROOTS FACILITIES FUND – PHASE 1

The FAW recently launched its “Our Wales” strategic plan for the period to 2026. One of the key strategic objectives is to have inspirational and fit-for-future football facilities throughout Wales. To help bring this objective to life, the FAW is working closely with a range of stakeholders, to create a Grassroots Facilities Fund which will be used to deliver better, and more, facilities across Wales.

We are pleased to announce that we have now secured Phase 1 capital funding totalling £1.3m, from UK Government, which will be used to support initial priority applications which can which can be turned around quickly to achieve a signed grant agreement and be initiated by March 2022 and completed by no later than the end of June 2022.

We recognise that in order to deliver better and more facilities, we will need to secure a much bigger pot of funding and with this in mind, the FAW is continuing to work closely with all of its key stakeholders and hopes to shortly announce further and significant grassroots facilities funding covering the period after 1st April 2022.

The purpose of this note is to share details in relation to the process for submitting Expressions of Interest for funding, and to assess the demand and need for better, and more facilities, which will underpin the FAW’s business case when it seeks further stakeholder funding.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this amongst relevant colleagues and if possible, distribute via your community networks i.e. to Town and Community Councils and Associations.

The following points explain how the process will work:

- In respect of Phase 1 funding, you need to complete and return the Expression of Interest by no later than **2200hrs on Thursday 2nd December 2021**. [Please click here](#) to access and complete the online form via SurveyMonkey.
- Once your application has been submitted, a member of staff will acknowledge receipt of your form via email and you will also be allocated a reference number.
- **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 once announced.
- If you submit your on-line Expression of Interest to the FAW by no later than the above deadline, and your bid for any Phase 1 funding is unsuccessful, your proposal may still be reconsidered for future funding.
- Further information in relation to the future funding phases will be communicated at the relevant time.
- Please find attached to this email:
 - Additional Information and key dates;
 - Expression of Interest Guidance;
 - Expression of Interest Questions – a checklist before you complete the on line form.

Kind regards

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Chief Executive
Football Association of Wales
15th November 2021