



Dear all,

From today, clubs will be able to apply to two new funding schemes specifically designed to help see you through the challenging next few months as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Emergency Loan Scheme

The [ECB Emergency Loan Scheme](#) aims to support affiliated Cricket Clubs by providing interest free loans to assist clubs to cover any shortfall in essential day to day running and maintenance costs until normal recreational cricket activity can be resumed.

Clubs should apply [here](#).

Return to Cricket Grant Scheme

The [Return to Cricket Grant Scheme](#) aims to provide affiliated cricket clubs and leagues (open-age and junior) with emergency assistance in *exceptional circumstances*. Full eligibility criteria can be found in the [Guidance Notes](#).

Clubs and leagues can find out more information [here](#).

How your County Cricket Board will help

Emergency Loan Scheme

When a loan application is received through the [ECB Investment Management System](#), CCBs will confirm the club is affiliated to the County Board, and that the information provided is accurate to the best of the County Board's knowledge. Once the CCB has validated the clubs affiliation, the application will be progressed to the ECB Facilities Investment Team.

Return to Cricket Grant Scheme

Your County Board will be the first point of call when applying to the grant scheme, providing eligible organisations with an Application Form. Once completed, organisations will submit

their Application Form to their ECB Regional Facilities Planning Manager for review. Contact details can be found in the [Guidance Notes](#).

FAQs and Help Desk

Frequency Asked Questions for both schemes can be found [here](#) (Emergency Loan Scheme) and [here](#) (Return to Cricket Grant Scheme).

In addition, if you have any questions about either scheme, please contact the ECB Facilities Help Desk by emailing the relevant contact below:

- Emergency Loan Scheme: loans@ecb.co.uk
- Return to Cricket Grant Scheme: grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk

There are also a range of other financial support packages that are available to recreational sport and we encourage local clubs to investigate their eligibility for these, which are available immediately subject to meeting the respective criteria. These include, but are not limited to:

- Government initiatives: Business Rates holiday, Job Retention Scheme, VAT deferral, Statutory Sick Pay Rebate, Grant funding for rate-paying clubs, HMRC Time to Pay Scheme, Business Interruption Loan Scheme.
- Sport England: [Community Emergency Fund](#)
- Sport Wales: [Emergency Relief Fund](#)

Please note there are criteria and conditions to support these initiatives available via the relevant websites.