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The British Crown Green Bowling Association

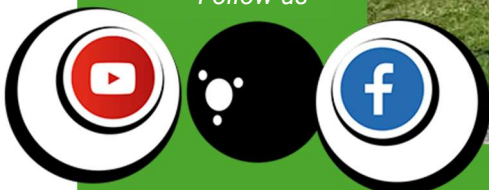
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Introduction

At BCGBA, we know that many clubs rely on grants and local funding to grow, improve facilities and welcome new members.

My Funding Central is a simple, affordable tool that helps you find funding opportunities in one place. It gives you access to thousands of grants from local, national and international funders.

This guide will show you how to:

- Set up an account
- Search for funding
- Find opportunities that match your club

Whether you want to improve your green, buy equipment or run community sessions, this guide will help you get started.

Need support?

Email: nationaldevelopment@bcgba.org.uk

1. Getting Started

Go to:

<https://www.myfundingcentral.co.uk/>

Click '**Subscribe**' and choose the option that best fits your organisation:



- Charity
- Company
- Other (this is the option most clubs will use)

Cost:

- Free if your annual turnover is under £30,000
- From £50 per year for larger organisations

An affordable funding search tool for Charities and VCSE organisations in England

Annual subscription starts from £50.00. FREE where annual turnover is up to £30,000 p.a. – [view subscription fees](#)

<p> I am a charity</p> <p>Registered with the Charity Commission in England.</p> <p>I have a Charity Commission number.</p> <p>Subscribe</p>	<p> I am a company</p> <p>Registered with Companies House in England.</p> <p>I have a company registration number.</p> <p>Subscribe</p>	<p>I am <u>not</u> a registered charity or a registered company</p> <p>I can provide details of annual income.</p> <p>Subscribe</p>
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2. Create an Account

a) Charity

Select this if you are registered with the Charity Commission.

b) Company

Select this if your organisation is registered with Companies House.

c) Crown Green Bowling Club (CASC / VCSE / other)

Most clubs should choose this option.

Registration is currently only available for organisations based in England

My Funding Central is only available for small organisations with an annual turnover up to £1 million.

If your annual turnover is over £1 million, please see [GrantFinder](#) for a funding solution better suited to your organisation.

Personal details

Forename *

Surname *

Email address *

Confirm your email address *

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Organisation details

Organisation name *

Address line 1 *

Address line 2 *

Address line 3

Address line 4

Address line 5

Postcode *

Telephone number *

Most recent annual turnover *

Please briefly describe what your organisation does (between 200 and 500 characters) *

Enter brief description

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Please choose...

- Up to £30,000
- Over £30,000 up to £50,000
- Over £50,000 up to £100,000
- Over £100,000 up to £500,000
- Over £500,000 up to £1 million

Top Tips when registering

- Use a club email address (not a personal one)
- Choose a password that can be shared with committee members
- Use your club address
- Keep your organisation description simple, for example:
"A Crown Green Bowling Club serving its local community with 40 members, aiming to improve facilities and increase participation."

You will need to:

- Accept the terms and conditions
- Confirm your account via email

For ALL types of organisations, you must agree to the terms and conditions of 'My Funding Central'.

Terms and Conditions

Full details of our terms and conditions are available here: [View terms and conditions](#).

I confirm that I have read and accept the Terms and Conditions. I confirm I am registering on behalf of a small community-based organisation, small voluntary organisation, registered charity or small business enterprise with an annual turnover of up to £1,000,000 per annum. I acknowledge that providing false or inaccurate information in this registration and subscription process will result in my organisation being removed and blocked from all future access and use of the My Funding Central site, with no refunds of any monies paid available. In the event false or inaccurate information is provided, you acknowledge that we reserve the right to raise legal proceedings against you. *

I confirm that I am looking for funding available in England *

I confirm my organisation is not a registered charity *


I confirm my organisation is not a business registered with Companies House *

I confirm my stated organisation annual turnover is within the turnover band I have selected *

I confirm that I will provide proof of annual turnover (statement of accounts or bank statement) to Idox upon request *

I acknowledge that My Funding Central is only available to voluntary and community sector organisations across England, and accept as outlined in the Terms and Conditions, that it is not available for use by any intermediaries and the website and its contents cannot be used to provide a consultancy service. *

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Each registered user account is for exclusive use only

Under no circumstances should user account details be shared with anyone else, either inside or outside your organisation. Failure to observe this will result in your user account being suspended and/or deleted with no refund of any monies paid.

Any subscription fees paid will be non-refundable.

3. Search for Funding

Use the filters to find grants:

a. Organisation Filters

Types of Organisations

Select the correct type. This is important – if you choose the wrong type, you may not be eligible for the funding. Only select Charity if you are one otherwise you will waste your time

Area of work

Choose relevant areas such as:

- Sport
- Community development
- Health and wellbeing
- You can select multiple options.

b. Project Filters

What you need funding for

Examples:

- Children and young people
- Community activity
- Sport and participation

Eligible spending

Select what you want funding for, such as:

- Equipment
- Facilities
- Coaching

Location

Search by your area (e.g. Warrington, Stockport, Derby)

Other Filters

You can refine your search further:

- Grant or loan
- Funding source (Lottery, Government, Charitable Trusts, Corporate)
- Geographical level (local, regional, national)
- Status (open or upcoming funding)

4. Example Funding Opportunities

a) Cash4Clubs

- Maximum grant: £2,000
- Deadline: 15th Jun 2026
- Status: Open for applications

This fund supports community sports clubs delivering activities for **adults (18+)**, particularly those:

- Based in areas of high deprivation
- Supporting under-represented groups
- Encouraging people who don't usually take part in sport

Should I Apply?

- ✓ Do you run or plan to run **adult (18+) activities**?
- ✓ Does your club support **your local community or under-represented groups**?
- ✓ Could funding help improve **your facilities, equipment or sessions**?

👉 If you answered yes to most of these, this fund is worth applying for.

⚠️ This fund is not suitable if your project is:

- Only for juniors
- Focused on elite or high-level competition

Important Points

- Funding is for adult activity only
- Not suitable for junior-only projects
- Must be a not-for-profit club with a structure/constitution

What the funding can be used for

- Equipment and kit
- Venue hire
- Coaching costs

- Volunteer expenses
- Utilities (lighting, heating)
- Marketing and promotion
- Training and qualifications

Top Tips Before Applying

- Check you meet the criteria before applying
- Contact the funder if you're unsure
- Submit your application a few days before the deadline

b. Rowntree's Free the Fund Community Grant (Community Project- Mower?)

Rowntree's Free the Fund Community Grant

- Maximum grant: £10,000
- Deadline: 31 March 2026 (5pm)
- Status: Open for applications

This fund supports **community projects for adults (aged 21–65)** that improve wellbeing by:

- Creating or improving outdoor spaces
- Bringing people together
- Supporting positive community activity

Examples include:

- Improving outdoor or green spaces
- Running summer activities or events
- Purchasing equipment for sport, arts or community use

Should I Apply?

- ✓ Does your project support **adults aged 21–65**?
- ✓ Does it **improve your club environment or outdoor space**?
- ✓ Will it bring **more people into your club or community**?

👉 If yes, this fund is worth considering.

⚠️ This fund is not suitable if:

- Your project is focused on juniors
- You are applying for general running costs
- Your project is not community-focused

Important Points

- Projects must be delivered by 30 September 2026
- You must have a constitution or governing document
- You may need to provide:
 - ID for your main contact
 - Permission for any work on land or facilities

What the funding can be used for

- Outdoor space improvements
- Community activities and events
- Sports and fitness equipment-----Mower comes under this
- Arts, music or creative projects

Top Tips Before Applying

- Make sure your project clearly supports adult wellbeing
- Show how it will benefit your local community
- Keep your idea simple and achievable
- Check all eligibility criteria before applying
- Get 2–3 quotes for equipment
- Explain clearly why your current equipment isn't sufficient
- Show how it will benefit members and the community
- Keep it simple – don't overcomplicate the application

5. Tips for Writing Excellent Funding Applications

Finding the right funding is only part of the process – writing a clear and simple application is what helps you succeed.

1. Keep It Clear and Simple

Avoid long or complicated sentences.

Explain clearly:

- What you want to do
- Who it will help
- Why it matters

👉 If someone outside your club can understand it, you're on the right track.

2. Ring the funder

- Ask what grants have been given in the local area
- What is the average award is the max is 10k aim for 5K – look for the sweet spot

3. Focus on Impact

Funders want to know what difference your project will make.

Instead of:

“We want to buy equipment”

Say:

“We want to buy equipment to run weekly sessions for older adults to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing.”

4. Show the Need

Explain why your project is needed:

- Are your facilities outdated?
- Are you trying to attract new members?
- Is there a gap in your community?
- Get quotes from your members to back up what you are saying

Use simple facts if you can (e.g. number of members, waiting lists, local demand).

5. Match the Funder's Priorities

Always read the funding guidance carefully.

If the fund focuses on:

- Health → mention wellbeing
- Inclusion → mention under-represented groups
- Community → show local benefit

👉 Use their language in your application.

6. Be Realistic

Make sure your plan is achievable:

- Clear timeline
- Sensible budget
- Deliverable activities

It's better to do a small project well than promise too much.

7. Be Honest

Don't exaggerate.

Be clear about:

- What you can deliver
- What support you have
- What challenges you may face

Funders value honesty.

8. Get the Basics Right

Before submitting:

- Check spelling and grammar
- Make sure all questions are answered
- Double-check your budget figures

👉 Ask someone else in your club to review it if possible.

9. Apply Early

Don't leave it until the deadline.

Submitting early:

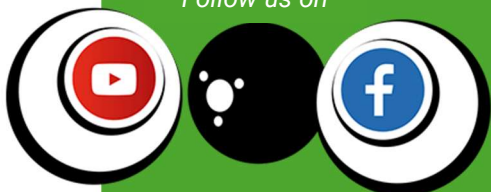
- Avoids last-minute problems
- Gives you time to fix issues
- Shows good organisation
- Ring the funder ask about what grants have been given in your local area. what grants

Final Thought

Funding takes time, but the more you apply, the better you get.

Start small, learn from each application, and build your confidence.

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