

Proposal to submit an application for funding to improve fencing around the Ground

Outline: DHST and the Club work together to develop an application(s) to raise funds for improving the ground with high level fencing

Main awarding scheme/body: Capital Projects Scheme/Football Foundation (FF)

Deadline: this is a rolling awards programme, no deadline

Time scale: once application submitted, usually three month turnaround

Aim of scheme: supports organisations that wish to build develop and/or refurbish facilities in order to sustain and/or increase participation.

Funding ceilings: Applications with up to 90% target level of grant support, although many applications are only funded up to 50% of costs. FF has a fast track system for schemes of under £20,000 and additional funding is available. For higher funding percentage awards, applicants need to demonstrate clear and priority objectives such as serving the disadvantaged or engaging the ethnic community or investing in the deprived wards.

Eligibility criteria: football clubs are eligible and industrial and provident societies (ie DHST) for increasing participation in football sport and active recreation

What FF look for: applicants should demonstrate how their projects would achieve the following outcomes:

- Sustain or increase participation amongst junior and adult participants regardless of background age, or ability
- Provide and assist in the provision of facilities for football and other games and sports that improve the conditions for sport across local communities
- Promote the advancement of young people by developing their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport

Next steps

- Set a date through Mick O'Shaughnessy for a small working party made up of club and DHST representatives (no more than 4 in total) meet to develop an application. Proposed meeting by 1st October 2006
- Prepare and submit application for funding. Target date for submission: 21 November 2006.

Further information:

- <http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/seeking-funding/capital-projects/application-forms> provides details of the scheme
- The FF ask for security of tenure on the site and this usually means more than 10 years on the lease or a favourable letter from the freeholder, Kings College London, so we would need to work on this as there is only 6 years left on the lease
- The FF also state that if fencing is above 1.8m then planning permission is essential (or a letter from the planning department outlining an application is not required)
- DHST have already made contact with the Development Officer at the London FA, Josie Clifford, who has offered to read over the application for us and provide us with pre-application advice
- DHST have also contacted the Football Foundation who recommend Dulwich Hamlet develop something called a Football Development Plan; this is a bit like a business plan which the FF promote as best practice for football clubs to follow. This would allow the club to access further funding and strengthen any application we submit. To do this the Club/DHST work with our local FA contact (DHST has contact details). This could be discussed further at our first meeting, if thought a viable proposition.