

1. Expression of Interest

- 1. Expressions of interest will be open for over two weeks from Wednesday 18 January 2023. The closing date for the submission of Expression of Interests for projects seeking to secure investment from Irish FA/ DCMS Grassroots Facilities Investment Fund 2023-25 is 12 noon on Friday 3 February 2023.**
- 2. Please complete the Expression of Interest form with as much detail as possible.**
- 3. Where you have no information to enter into any field, please enter 'N/A'. This will overcome mandatory fields and allow you to submit your form on completion.**
- 4. Please ensure that you have all relevant sections of the form completed before you submit the document. Once you submit your Expression of Interest there will be no ability to amend your form.**
- 5. There is no limit to the number of Expressions of Interest an organisation may submit as long as each form submitted provides detail on individual, distinct pitch projects.**

We hope you find the Expression of Interest form easy to complete, and whilst we cannot help you with completing your Expression of Interest, if you have any questions in relation to the process, please email dcms.funding@irishfa.com. Your request will then be forwarded to someone who can help you with your query.

2. Applicant Details including Proposed Project Site

* 1. Status of applicant organisation

- A football club based in Northern Ireland that is affiliated to the Irish FA and participates in Northern Ireland leagues, including NIFL clubs and their associated entities
- A Local Authority based in Northern Ireland
- A football-focussed Community Sports Organisation
- A school, college or university in Northern Ireland
- A football-focussed Charitable Organisation, that is registered with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland
- Other (please specify)

* 2. Full legal name of the applicant organisation

* 3. Applicant organisation contact details (main contact and correspondence address)

Name

Address

Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Email Address

Phone Number

* 4. Project location (full address including venue name, town / village and post code) - please note that it is important to provide the postcode

Address

Address 2

City/Town

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

* 5. Local Authority area where the pitch project will be located

- Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
- Ards and North Down Borough Council
- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Belfast City Council
- Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
- Derry City and Strabane District Council
- Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
- Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
- Mid Ulster District Council
- Newry Mourne and Down District Council

* 6. Briefly describe all existing football facilities at the proposed site e.g. pitch, floodlighting, fencing, changing rooms etc) (max 100 words)

* 7. Upload a photograph(s) of the site for development including existing facilities

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen

3. Natural Grass Pitch Projects

Only complete this section if you are seeking financial support for the installation of a new, accessible natural grass pitch or replacement/ enhancement of an existing natural grass pitch.

Where you have no information to enter into any field, please enter 'N/A'. This will overcome mandatory fields and allow you to submit your form on completion.

* 8. Is the proposed project a new natural grass pitch or replacement/ upgrade?

- New natural grass pitch
- Replacement/ upgraded natural grass pitch
- N/A

* 9. Overall pitch size for the proposed natural grass pitch - **length x width (m) and run off areas (m)**

* 10. Playing area size for the proposed natural grass pitch - **length x width (m)**

* 11. Briefly describe the proposed natural grass pitch project including any funding requests for associated infrastructure e.g. changing rooms, floodlighting, fencing etc. (max 100 words)

* 12. Brief description of proposed improvements (max 100 words)

4. Artificial Grass Pitch Projects

Only complete this section if you are seeking financial support for the installation of a new, accessible artificial grass pitch or replacement/ enhancement of an existing artificial grass pitch.

Where you have no information to enter into any field, please enter 'N/A'. This will overcome mandatory fields and allow you to submit your form on completion.

* 13. Is the proposed project a new artificial grass pitch or replacement?

- New artificial grass pitch
- Replacement artificial grass pitch
- N/A

* 14. Overall pitch size for the proposed artificial grass pitch - **length x width (m) and run off areas (m)**

* 15. Playing area size for the proposed artificial grass pitch - **length x width (m)**

* 16. Proposed artificial pitch surface type - technical specification, type of carpet, certification standard

* 17. Non-football sports to be supported by proposed artificial pitch project in addition to football

- GAA
- Rugby
- Other non-football sports (please specify)

* 18. Briefly describe the proposed artificial grass pitch project including any funding requests for associated infrastructure e.g. changing rooms, floodlighting, fencing etc. (max 100 words)

* 19. Brief description of proposed improvements (max 100 words)

* 20. For artificial grass pitch replacement or enhancement projects, how old is the current surface of the target pitch?

0 Years 15+ Years

5. Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) Projects

Only complete this section if you are seeking financial support for the installation of an accessible, small-sided Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).

Where you have no information to enter into any field, please enter 'N/A'. This will overcome mandatory fields and allow you to submit your form on completion.

* 21. Is the proposed project a new MUGA or replacement?

- New MUGA
 Replacement MUGA
 N/A

* 22. Playing area size for the proposed MUGA - **length x width (m)**

* 23. For MUGA replacement/ enhancement projects, how old is the current surface of the target pitch?

0 Years 15+ Years

* 24. Proposed MUGA pitch surface type - technical specification

* 25. Non-football sports to be supported by proposed MUGA project in addition to football

- Basketball
 Netball
 Tennis
 Hockey
 Other non-football sports (please specify)

* 26. Briefly describe the proposed MUGA project including any funding requests for associated infrastructure e.g. changing rooms, floodlighting, fencing etc. (max 100 words)

* 27. Brief description of proposed improvements (max 100 words)

6. Project Impact Summary

* 28. Briefly set out how the project will establish a partnership with an Irish FA affiliated local 'partner' football club(s) for significant football development activities and how it will promote physical activity, increase the number of multi-sport facilities, direct investment to areas of deprivation and boost participation and deliver improved access to sport facilities for women and girls and other under-represented groups. Also detail how the proposed activity will support and/ or enhance current pitch provision (max 200 words)

7. Project Costs

There is the expectation that applicants will provide match funding contributions of between 10% and 40% of total project costs. Required match funding contributions will be confirmed when the application process opens.

* 29. What is the estimated total cost of your project?

* 30. How much funding do you anticipate applying for?

* 31. Please indicate during which financial year(s) do you intend to draw down funding.
Please advise how much (£) you intend to draw down in each financial year(s)

2023-24

2024-25

Total funding amount (£) in 23/24 and/or 24/25

* 32. Detail any confirmed/ unconfirmed match funding contributions (£) including source e.g. funding Letter of Offer(s), own funds, bank loan or other borrowing source

8. Project Timescale

* 33. Proposed capital works/ project start date

Date / Time

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

* 34. Anticipated contract length

* 35. Proposed capital works/ project completion date

Date / Time

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

9. Security of Tenure

* 36. Present arrangement i.e. freehold, leasehold

37. For leasehold arrangements, confirm lease expiry date

Date / Time

Date

DD/MM/YYYY



10. Statutory Approvals

* 38. Are statutory approvals required to deliver the project?

Yes

No

* 39. If statutory approvals are required, is the approval in place/ when it is due to be approved. If statutory approvals are not required enter N/A

11. Additional Information

* 40. Provide any additional information to support your Expression of Interest (max 200 words)