



Suffolk FA

Small Grants Scheme

2019-20 Season



Since 2016, the Suffolk FA Small Grants Scheme has successfully supported 59 local clubs to improve their facilities through over £21,000 of investment into the local grassroots game. Supporting clubs to maintain and improve their facilities remains a priority for Suffolk FA and we are therefore pleased to confirm the return of the Small Grants Scheme for the 2019-20 season. This year's funding pot will specifically aim to support clubs with the improvement of their grass pitches, providing valuable support for areas which clubs currently cannot access from other funding pots.



The 2019 Suffolk FA Small Grants Scheme can be utilised to support grass pitch improvements for club-maintained sites across the following areas:

- Verti-Draining / Verti-Quake
- Slitting and Spiking
- Fertilisation Application
- Over-seeding / Re-seeding
- Scarifying and 'Koro'ing
- Weed control or Herbicide treatments

FA Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP)

To be eligible for funding support through the Suffolk FA Small Grants Scheme, clubs be or commit to be part of the FA's Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP). PIP is delivered in partnership with the Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG) and costs clubs £100. Through PIP your club will receive a detailed Pitch Improvement Report from the IOG which outlines the works needed to improve grass pitches at the site. This report will be needed to evidence which of the above works you can utilise the Small Grants funding for. ****Clubs cannot access funding support through this scheme without entering the FA PIP programme.***

The PIP programme also makes sites eligible for capital funding from the Football Foundation, should this be applicable, in addition to discounted consumables through FA partner suppliers. The programme then offers the club a second free pitch report in 8-12 months' time to assess what improvements have been made and any further support you need to improve your grass pitches. For more information on the Pitch Improvement Programme – [click here](#).



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All eligible works in the Small Grants Scheme must be claimed through Suffolk's FA sponsor of the FA Pitch Improvement Programme, Parkers Pitches. Parkers Pitches offer discounted rates for their services for clubs who go through the FA PIP process. For a full list of their services for Suffolk clubs involved in PIP – [click here](#).



To further support the Small Grants Scheme, Parkers Pitches will be offering further reductions to their services across the following two Suffolk FA Small Grants Scheme packages:

Package 1 - Verti-Draining & Fertiliser Application

Typical cost - £550

Bespoke SFA Small Grants cost – £500

This includes aeration of the whole pitch with 24mm tines to depths up to 12", unless other requirements specified. Application at 35 g/m² of time of year specific, controlled release 10-week longevity sports field grade fertiliser.

Package 2 – Verti-Draining & Weed Spraying

Typical cost - £550

Bespoke SFA Small Grants cost - £500

This includes aeration of the whole pitch with 24mm tines to depths up to 12", unless other requirements specified. Fully licenced and insured spray application of high-quality amenity specific selective weed killer.

*any work will be carried out only when conditions are fit for each specific treatment. VAT registered organisations will be required to cover VAT on services. Services must be redeemed before 1st September 2020.

How to apply

The window to apply for the Suffolk FA Small Grants scheme 2019 opens on Tuesday 1st October 2019 and all applications must be made before the deadline of **Thursday 31st October 2019**.

To apply for the Suffolk FA Small Grants scheme – please complete an application [via this link](#).

For more information on the scheme, please contact Jodie Allard, Football Development Manager on one of the following avenues: - E: Jodie.Allard@Suffolkfa.com | T: 01449 616606 | M: 07432735961



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