



COVID-19 Scottish Government Business Support Grant – Update 28 April 2020

As part of our first club update in March, we made our members aware that Bowling Clubs can apply for the Scottish Government Business Support Grant to help with the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Below is an update to help clarify and inform our clubs on the Business Support Grant.

Discretionary Sports Relief

On 15 April 2020, the Scottish Government announced changes to the current business grant schemes to include:

- Entitlement for the grant will be changed to allow small sports clubs that are eligible for the Small Business Bonus Scheme but in receipt of discretionary sports relief to be eligible for the £10,000 Grant Scheme.

If your club has previously been rejected for this Grant, please get back in touch with your Local Authority. Some Councils have automatically changed the decisions and payment has been made to clubs within days.

Clubs with Rateable Value of under £18,000

To ensure clubs do not miss out on the opportunity of securing the £10,000 available Bowls Scotland have identified all clubs who have a rateable value of under £18,000. Those clubs will receive an email in the coming days from our Development Team.

Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC)

Bowls Scotland have asked for clarity on CASC status as many of our clubs were being rejected as a result of this. We have been informed that:

- CASC in receipt of mandatory rates relief only – Where a sports or leisure club is in receipt of mandatory sports relief and any element of Small Business Bonus Scheme, as well as satisfying other criteria of the grant scheme they would be eligible to apply.

Tell Us

We are keen to hear from clubs who have been successful or unsuccessful with the Business Support Grant. Please get in touch with your relevant NDO with the following information:

- Club Name
- Local Authority (Council)
- Legal Status (Unincorporated; Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC), SCIO (Charity)
- Own or Rent your Club
- Grant/s applied for
- Outcome – Successful/Unsuccessful

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