



Ewhurst Parish Council

Securing Grant Funding for New Community Sports Facilities

Background

Sports and youth facilities in Ewhurst, Surrey, had been very poor until Ewhurst Parish Council made the decision to develop a new purpose-built pavilion to provide a much needed multi-use sports facility for the local youth club, Ewhurst Football Clubs and the local community.

In addition to a new pavilion, funding was required to pay for upgrading work on the grass football pitches at the site, to improve drainage and reduce the number of games lost due to poor weather. Despite the need for new facilities, gaining grant funding in counties perceived as affluent, such as Surrey, is increasingly difficult, making this a particularly challenging project.

Strategy and Implementation

Sports Solutions GB was appointed to develop a project plan, create a five year sports development plan, assist in the submission of a planning application to the local council and successfully secure a significant level of grant funding.

Through the inclusion of Ewhurst FC, Ewhurst Junior FC and Ewhurst Youth Club in the development plans, the team was able to approach four key bodies for funding:

- > Football Foundation
- > Youth Capital Fund (via Surrey County Council)
- > High Sheriff Youth Award
- > Grassroots Grants (via Surrey Community Foundation)

Outcome

Sports Solutions GB has recently helped the scheme to secure over £300,000 in grant funding, including financial support from the four key bodies. Now that funding has been secured, the team will work closely with Ewhurst Parish Council to deliver the project on time and on budget.

Park Campus

Obtaining Grant Aid for a Special Needs School

Background

When the Headteacher at Park Campus realised that there was a need to improve their sports facilities, he engaged Sports Solutions GB to assist with the development.

Park Campus is a specialist site supporting the London Borough of Lambeth's mainstream schools by providing education for eighty 11-16 year olds who have a wide range of social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

It is the first Special Educational Needs (SEN) School to be constructed under the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme. As part of this key development, BSF had allocated funds to develop a floodlit hard court area, basketball court and small sports hall.

Strategy and Implementation

In addition to providing quality sports facilities for pupils at Park Campus, the new facility needs to be available for

community use, which is particularly important in an area where there is a very limited number of grass and artificial pitches. The local community requires a 3rd Generation Artificial Grass Pitch, mini-gym and multi-use area for sports, meetings and performances.

Outcome

Sports Solutions GB was instrumental in creating a five year sports development plan and delivery plan, which was used to secure over £100,000 of funding, which included revenue funding to assist with delivery of the plan.

The funding the Sports Solutions GB team secured enabled the school to upgrade the proposed hard court area to a 3rd Generation Artificial Grass Pitch as well as contributing towards employing a Community Sports Development Officer to work with both pupils and the local community.