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Funding Assessment

Clubhouse community social and viewing space

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CLUB **Millbrook Vale Cricket Club (fictional)**	ORDER **SAMPLE**
VERSION **v1 · 2026-10-15**	READINESS **Developing · 58/100**

1. Executive summary

Millbrook Vale Cricket Club (a fictional club) wants to convert an unused storage area into a community social and viewing space costing about £120,000. The project has a clear community purpose, but it is not yet ready for its largest funding bids.

Our recommendation is to secure two smaller awards and the club's own contribution first, while obtaining planning permission and a longer lease, then apply to a larger capital programme.

2. Project overview

Project cost: £120,000 (two contractor quotes). Funding requirement: £108,000 after the club's £12,000 contribution.

The space would be used by the club, a junior section and two local community groups on weekdays.

3. Readiness

58/100 Level: Developing

Funding readiness: developing. Governance is in place, but lease security and planning consent are gaps that most capital funders will check.

Governance	Ready	Constitution adopted and accounts available. Next step: Keep the constitution and latest accounts to hand; most funders ask for both.
Lease security	Partly ready	9 years remaining. Next step: Ask the landlord about extending to 25 years.
Planning	Missing	No application made. Next step: Contact the planning authority for pre-application advice.
Costs and quotes	Partly ready	Two quotes obtained. Next step: Obtain a third quote.

4. Matched funds

Example Community Facilities Fund (fictional) · DEMO
Example National Sports Trust (fictional) · Strong fit (score 78/100)
Awards: £10,000–£50,000
Window: Rolling

Application support: UNCLEAR — We have not found sufficiently clear published guidance about third-party application support. This should be confirmed with the funder before any drafting assistance is provided.

CHECK BEFORE APPLYING

☐ Eligibility consideration: minimum lease length

WHY IT FITS

- Community use is a core criterion
- Project cost is within range

BLOCKERS

- Lease term may fall below the minimum required

CHECK WITH THE FUNDER

- Signed letters of support from the community groups

Example Local Community Grant (fictional) · DEMO

Example County Foundation (fictional) · Possible – check eligibility (score 61/100)

Awards: up to £5,000

Window: Next deadline: 30 January 2027 (fictional example)

Application support: LIMITED — This fund requires the club to prepare and submit its own application. Grassroots Funding can assist with understanding eligibility, evidence requirements and application planning, but external drafting support should not be used.

BLOCKERS

- Priority area boundaries need checking

CHECK WITH THE FUNDER

- Confirmation the club's postcode is inside the fund's area

Example Club Facility Loan (fictional) · DEMO

Example Governing Body (fictional) · Possible fit (score 52/100)

Loan – repayable

Amount: £5,000–£25,000, interest-free

Window: Rolling

Application support: UNCLEAR — We have not found sufficiently clear published guidance about third-party application support. This should be confirmed with the funder before any drafting assistance is provided.

BLOCKERS

- Repayments must be affordable from bar and membership income

5. Funding gap

NEED	RAISED	COMMITTED	GAP
£120,000	**£0**	**£12,000**	**£108,000**

The club has committed £12,000 from reserves, leaving a gap of £108,000.

6. Recommended plan

Funding strategy: start with smaller, quicker awards to show momentum, resolve the lease and planning gaps, then make one larger capital application with match funding already in place.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF APPLICATIONS

1. **Example Local Community Grant (fictional) · DEMO — Quick win**
   Example County Foundation (fictional) · up to £5,000 · Example date
   Simple form; builds match funding.
2. **Example Community Facilities Fund (fictional) · DEMO — Larger bid**
   Example National Sports Trust (fictional) · £10,000–£50,000 · Rolling
   Best overall fit once the lease is extended.
3. **Example Club Facility Loan (fictional) · DEMO — Later option (loan)**
   Example Governing Body (fictional) · £5,000–£25,000 · Rolling
   Only if a gap remains.

TIMELINE

- **Month 1:** Third quote; pre-planning advice; lease discussion
- **Months 2–3:** Quick-win application; submit planning
- **Months 4–6:** Larger capital application

7. Prioritised actions

HIGH	Ask the landlord about a lease extension
HIGH	Request pre-application planning advice
MEDIUM	Obtain a third contractor quote

8. Next steps

- Share this assessment with your committee and agree the order of applications.
- Gather the missing information listed above.
- Ask us about Application Readiness Support if you want help getting application-ready for the larger bid. We check each funder's rules on third-party support before agreeing the scope.

9. Disclaimers

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