



Criteria for Awarding Grants

Each submission will be judged on its merits although in making a decision about whether to support an application, the Board will take the following factors into account:

Sustainability

Preference will be given to projects which will lead to longer-term benefits after the initial funding has ended. For example, applications with a detailed plan for setting up and running a town or community fives club will be favourably received whilst those with a short life span will have little weighting.

Value for Money

The RFA has a duty to make best use of its resources. We will look at the overall project benefits, noting the number of people who will benefit, the costs and the timescale. You will need to show that you have eliminated unnecessary costs and that you have secured the best prices for any service, equipment or materials you propose to purchase.

Matched Funding

If you have approached other potential donors the RFA may pledge a sum of money to be released only when other funding is secured.

Payment

Grants will usually be paid on completion of the project.

Technical Advice

We must be satisfied that adequate technical advice has been obtained prior to the grant being awarded. This will be through employing suitably qualified technical advisors and technicians. Note that valuable advice gleaned from previous Fives Court projects can be

accessed from the RFA Technical Specialist via [Contact Us – The RFA](#).

Accessibility

Organisations we support are expected to build in accessibility to their services and premises as a matter of equal opportunity. You will need to demonstrate that your organisation has an Equal Opportunities Policy which is regularly monitored and reviewed.

Safeguarding

The RFA has a responsibility to ensure that all those who benefit from our support are able to do so in an environment which protects them from bullying, abuse or other forms of harm. You will need to demonstrate that your organisation has implemented a Safeguarding Policy and has procedures in place to implement and monitor the policy. Our own safeguarding policy can be found at [Policies – The RFA](#) .

Monitoring and Evaluation

If you have received a large grant (over £10,000) from the RFA, we will require you to provide periodic updates on progress. You will need to demonstrate that our grant has been spent on the purposes for which it was awarded. Any variation will need to be approved by the RFA before you proceed.

N.B. The RFA reserves the right to recover some or all of the grant awarded if it has not been spent in accordance with the terms of the agreement with you.

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