

FSIF STORM RELIEF FUND – INFO FOR CLUBS

22 February 2022



**The Football Stadia
Improvement Fund**

Storm relief guidance

- The FSIF (and FF) will accept applications from Clubs for emergency works who have suffered damage from either Storm Dudley, Eunice and Franklin (Feb 16 to Feb 25 2022)
- Clubs should in the first instance contact their insurers to ensure that none of the damage suffered is covered under their insurance policy. Any works covered by their insurance policy would be **ineligible** for funding.
- Applications from eligible National League System and Women's Football Pyramid Clubs will be considered on a case by case basis
- Applications for up to **£10,000** will be accepted to use for emergency repairs, clean up, and replacement of facilities damaged through the storm
 - Grants of up to **£25,000** may be awarded in **exceptional circumstances** where the damage that has been suffered is significant
 - Grants that are required in excess of this amount should make a normal application through the Football Stadia Improvement Fund (standard criteria applies)
- Storm Relief grants will be paid at 100%, and no partnership funding will be required
- Any emergency work that has already been carried out to clear up the site or make it safe since the 16 February will be eligible
- Minor damage such as lost roof tiles or waterlogged pitches would not be eligible for funding



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How to apply

- Based on the guidance provided, if a Club believes they are eligible for funding, they should email both johnpaul.considine@footballfoundation.org.uk and scott.wiles@footballfoundation.org.uk the following information:
 - A summary of what has happened, and an itemised list of the damage caused
 - Whether they are insured, and confirmation of the outcome of any discussions with their insurer
 - The date on which the damage occurred
 - Any estimates or costs to repair or replace the items damaged
 - Two quotes should be provided where possible, however if only one quote can be provided due to the shortage of available contractors this may be acceptable (subject to review by Scott Wiles)
 - Whether planning permission is required for the works
 - If the damage includes flooding, how the works carried out could prevent this reoccurring in the future
- Should the FSIF believe that an application should be made, a short, bespoke online application form will be made available to the Club to complete - that should take no more than 15 minutes
- The FSIF will aim to make grant offers within 14 days of receipt of the application and all supporting information requested



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What can we apply for?

- Based on recent grant awards for Storm Arwen, the following items were supported for funding;
 - Clearance works (trees etc)
 - Dugouts
 - Fencing
 - Flood damage to buildings
 - Perimeter rails
 - Repairs to floodlights
 - Repairs to stands
 - Structural damage to buildings



Other items may be considered, but should be discussed with Scott Wiles before applying. Funding can be used for the repair of items, or new, depending on what is most appropriate.





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