

<b>Name of the Programme</b>	<b>Verti-Draining - Sporting Organisations</b>
<b>Programme Dates</b>	<b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2026 - 30 November 2026</b>
<b>Brief Description</b>	<p>The Verti-Draining Grant Aid programme offers support to sports clubs / organisations based within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area <b>who lease or own a grass pitch.</b></p> <p>The funding support will assist clubs with the maintenance of a grass pitch to allow increased use of the grass pitch during periods of inclement weather.</p> <p>A maximum amount of <b>£200.00</b> per each verti-draining works is available within any financial year.</p> <p>Each club will be permitted to apply for <b>two</b> verti-draining works e.g., a club with one pitch can apply for one verti-draining in the April - June 2026 and a follow up second verti-draining September - November 2026 i.e., two separate dates to carry out this work.</p> <p>The Verti-Draining Grant Aid will only open in Call 1, therefore if a club is seeking <b>two</b> Verti-Draining works they should apply for <b>both</b> in Call 1.</p> <p>Claims will be made retrospectively on the submission of invoices from appropriate contractors / professional service suppliers.</p> <p>Payment of grant will be available for verti-draining costs only. Retrospective funding is not eligible.</p>
<b>Programme Specific Criteria</b>	<p>Applicants must;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Own or lease their current grass pitch.</li> <li>• Must be a grass pitch for one of the following sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gaelic</li> <li>○ Rugby</li> <li>○ Soccer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The pitch must be within the Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council area.</li> <li>• The applicant organisation must also be able to demonstrate usage of the pitch.</li> <li>• Provide an invoice from an appropriate contractor / a professional service supplier for the works carried out.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>The following is ineligible criteria for the funding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups who currently own their own verti-draining machine <b>will not</b> be able to claim this support.</li> <li>• Works / costs that will not be funded, include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Own labour provided by the club</li> <li>○ In-kind support.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Schools / community leisure facilities are <b>not</b> eligible to apply.</li> </ul> <p><b>Conditions and Administrative arrangements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All applications will be considered on an individual basis against the eligibility criteria by a relevant Director or Head of Service and reported to the Council's Grant Aid Award Panel and Regeneration and Community Meeting.</li> <li>• Applications will only be assessed if all the necessary information has been provided.</li> <li>• Fermanagh and Omagh District Council may defer applications if further information is required or if the application form and supporting evidence is not completed properly.</li> <li>• Submission of an application does not necessarily mean that financial assistance will be granted.</li> <li>• Any award of funding is subject to budget availability.</li> <li>• The financial assistance is offered on a deficit basis and an income / expenditure report must be submitted with a claim.</li> </ul> <p>Grant Aid is administered on a <b>deficit</b> funding basis, no grant will be paid where income exceeds expenditure.</p> <p>Please note that incomplete or retrospective applications will be deemed invalid and will <b><u>not</u></b> be considered.</p>
<b>Maximum Amount</b>	<b>£200</b> per verti-draining works
<b>Responsible Service Area</b>	Community & Wellbeing Directorate
<b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b>	<p><b>Ryan Hanna</b> - Community Facilities and Club Development Team Leader  <b>Email:</b> ryan.hanna@fermanaghomagh.com  <b>Tel:</b> 0300 303 1777 ext. 21168  <b>Mob:</b> 07702 919798</p> <p><b>Keith Collen</b> - Community Wellbeing Manager  <b>Email:</b> keith.collen@fermanaghomagh.com  <b>Tel:</b> 0300 303 1777 ext. 21165  <b>Mob:</b> 07979 530765</p>