



Name of the Programme	Verti-Draining - Sporting Organisations
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 April 2026 - 30 November 2026
Brief Description	<p>The Verti-Draining Grant Aid programme offers support to sports clubs / organisations based within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area who lease or own a grass pitch.</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 £200.00 per each verti-draining works is available within any financial year.</p> <p>Each club will be permitted to apply for two 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 two Verti-Draining works they should apply for both 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>
Programme Specific Criteria	Applicants must; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Own or lease their current grass pitch.• Must be a grass pitch for one of the following sports:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Gaelic○ Rugby○ Soccer• The pitch must be within the Fermanagh & Omagh District Council area.• The applicant organisation must also be able to demonstrate usage of the pitch.• Provide an invoice from an appropriate contractor / a professional service supplier for the works carried out.

	<p>The following is ineligible criteria for the funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups who currently own their own verti-draining machine will not be able to claim this support. Works / costs that will not be funded, include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Own labour provided by the club In-kind support. Schools / community leisure facilities are not eligible to apply. <p>Conditions and Administrative arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Applications will only be assessed if all the necessary information has been provided. 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. Submission of an application does not necessarily mean that financial assistance will be granted. Any award of funding is subject to budget availability. The financial assistance is offered on a deficit basis and an income / expenditure report must be submitted with a claim. <p>Grant Aid is administered on a deficit 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 <u>not</u> be considered.</p>
Maximum Amount	£200 per verti-draining works
Responsible Service Area	Community & Wellbeing Directorate
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