

SCHEME OVERVIEW

This initiative will provide funding for Member Associations to construct football-related facilities and will have 2 components – (1) Mini-Pitch and (2) Infrastructure Fund.

This infrastructure programme will assist the Member Associations in their overall development of football by introducing these components that will allow them to increase, upgrade and expand the football facilities in its country.

It is hope that through the implementation of this programme, other football stakeholders, Non-Government Organisations, Government Owned-and-Controlled Organisations and the private sector realise the benefits that such capital expenditure will greatly increase football development and encourage these organisations to invest in additional facilities in the future.

PROJECT DETAILS

Mini-Pitch

- Each project to be completed within a calendar year
- Each pitch to consist of a playing surface (usually 40 X 20 meters), a surrounding wall/fence, containing nets, mini-goals and floodlights
- Appointed AFC Mini-Pitch Partner to be responsible to construct all mini-pitches funded by any revenue source of the AFC
- Member Associations to be responsible for the maintenance and future pitch replacement
- A grace period of at least 6 months between each project

Infrastructure Fund

This scheme will range from the following:

- Floodlights
- Scoreboard
- Pitch Maintenance Equipment
- Football-related infrastructure at a training/technical centre (including seating solutions)
- Any other football-specific facilities deemed to fulfil the programme guidelines
- Member Associations to be responsible for the maintenance and replacement of any infrastructure investment

FINANCIAL STRUCTURE

Mini-Pitch

- Each project to have a maximum investment of USD 300,000 from the AFC within a calendar year

Infrastructure Fund

- Programme to have a maximum investment of USD\$300,000 for the cycle of 2017-2020
- AFC to contribute a maximum of 75% of the total project cost (Member Association to fund a minimum of 25% per project)



SELECTION

Mini-Pitch

- Member Associations to propose as many sites as possible for the AFC Mini-Pitch Partner to assess and determine best locations and number of pitches to be constructed (in consultation with the AFC) to maximize the budget fully – complex locations to possibly result in one pitch while appropriate site selection additional pitches
- Land Ownership - For a project to proceed, the AFC is to be sent a letter from the owner of the land expressing the rights of the Member Association regarding usage and responsibility for the site for at least 10 years (unfavourable agreements to not be accepted by the AFC General Secretariat)
- Location - Sites in urban areas with good road access to be cheaper to develop than locations in rural and/or mountain areas
- Usage - Only sites to be used for football on a daily basis to be considered
- Maintenance - Mini-pitches in housing areas are easy targets for misuse and lack of maintenance. Ideal locations to be Member Associations' Technical Centres, other venues owned and/or operated by the Member Association, schools or other locations the Member Association manage usage and maintenance
- Revenue Generation - Member Associations to possibly charge small fees for access to mini-pitch facilities (to be considered when selecting the location as income to contribute towards maintenance and pitch replacement costs)

Note: Not all proposed sites to be used. Appropriate locations to be developed providing the overall cost remains within the budget for the project.

Infrastructure Fund

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- Projects equal and/or over USD\$50,000 to be tendered publically by the AFC
- Projects below USD\$50,000 to require a local tender with a minimum of three proposals to include the following:
 - company background
 - client list
 - quotation breakdown (itemisation plus breakdown of any construction costs)
 - registration details of company
 - images of proposed products
 - warranty details



PROJECT POLICY

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION

Mini-Pitch

- Member Associations to be one of the recipients of the AFC Financial Assistance Programme (AFAP)
- Member Associations to have a Strategic Plan in place
- Submission of details of proposed sites - Member Association to show strategic consideration for selection of sites
- Submission of programme of usage to include planned activities of Member Association and communities/schools using the facility
- Submission of maintenance and pitch replacement plan (mini-pitches to be used much more intensively than full size pitches - replacement of pitch to be planned after 5-8 years; Member Association to show serious consideration towards funding a replacement)
- Previous beneficiary Member Associations to apply for another mini-pitch scheme 6 months after successful completion of such project
- AFC General Secretariat to make necessary assessments whether relevant project has been completed and date of commencement of the 6-month waiting period
- Submission of attached application form to include a letter to the General Secretary of the AFC
- Application must also include the following:
 - Details on proposed sites with reasons for selection of each specific site, ownership information and map showing geographical spread
 - Details on programmed usage of each site
 - Maintenance and pitch replacement plan

Note: AFC to not be responsible for managing, maintaining and/or replacing pitches. Applicant Member Association to illustrate consideration towards these important issues.

Infrastructure Fund

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- Member Association to have a Strategic Plan in place
- Submission of attached application form to include a letter to the General Secretary of the AFC

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AFC PRESIDENT'S INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE

APPLICATION FORM

Member Association Name:

Scheme:

Mini-Pitch OR Infrastructure Fund

Type of Other Football Infrastructure:

Floodlights Scoreboards Seating
 Pitch Maintenance Equipment Fencing Other (please specify below)

Location of Proposed Site:

Ownership Details of Proposed Site:

How is the project related to the Strategic Plan:

Estimated Cost of Project:

AFC Contribution:

MA Contribution:

Any additional information related to the proposed project:

Project Manager at the Member Association

Name:

Email Address:

Contact Number: