

Subject: What a year that was

The end of April saw the regular lacrosse-playing season draw to a close. The end of March also marks the financial year-end for The Lacrosse Foundation, and is an opportunity for us to look back at the activity over the previous 12 months.

We are pleased to announce that this year (up to March 2023) was a **record year** for the Foundation, with the **highest ever number of grant applications received**, and **more grant approvals both in terms of numbers and value**.

Each grant we approve is in support of our [mission](#), which is **to champion the growth & development** of lacrosse across Great Britain, **promoting 'community participation**, and **advancing the education of young people** in the sport of lacrosse'.

Over the last 12 months:

- the number of grants approved was **up 50%**
- **36 grants** were approved to a variety of clubs, schools, universities and other bodies.

This continues the **steady upward trend** in demand over the last four years (excluding the pandemic year 2020/21)

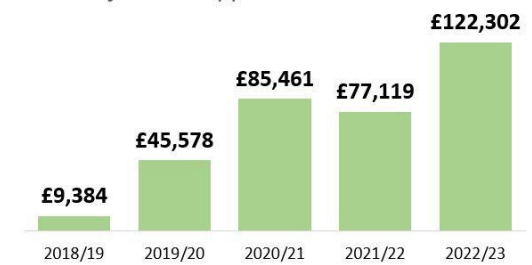
- **More than £122,000** was distributed to the various grant recipients, which is a **60% increase** on the previous year.

This brings the **total funds approved** since TLF was launched in Sept 2018 to **£340,000**

Number of Grants Approved

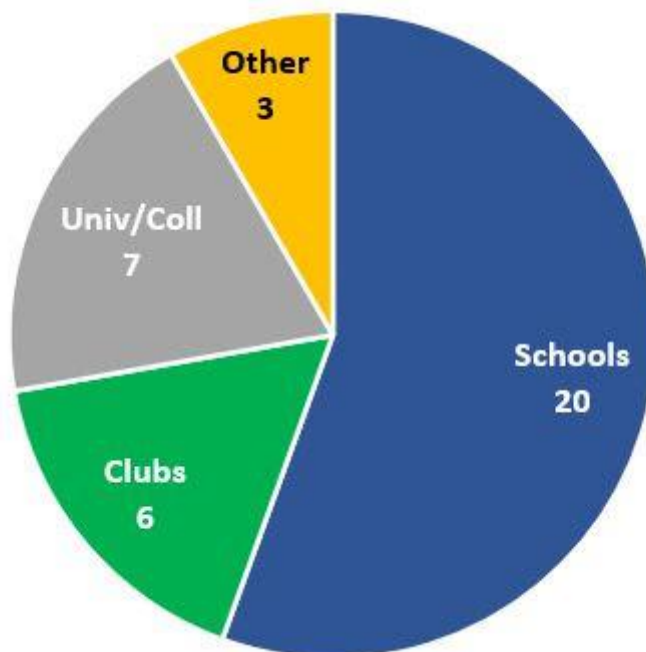


Value of Grants Approved



- **More than half** of all approved grants were **to individual schools** (mostly ages 11-18).
 - 7 x Harris Federation schools in London & SE
 - schools in Salisbury, Romford, Reading, Chelsfield, Worcester, Solihull & Cumbria

- **Five of the six grants to clubs** were to develop their **junior schemes**
- Stockport, Cheadle, Wilmslow, Brooklands & Boardman
- In the '**Other**' category, **all** were grants to **develop junior lacrosse in London:**
- Bromley School Games, Met Police, and a combination of 'Spencer/Richmond/East Grinstead'.



A list of the individual grants approved by TLF can be found on [our website here](#).

You can also find news stories & photos about the impact some of our grants have made [here](#).

From May 2023, we've made some changes to our grants process to enable quicker decision-making and easier application. We have:

- **Reduced the application bands for grants from 3 to 2:**
+ 'A small grant' is now up to £2,500, using a short form to apply, and a 'large grant' is over £2,500, with applications using the full form.
 - **Amended the approval authority for our Grants Working Group (GWG):**
+ Applications for grants up to £5,000 can now be approved by our GWG (with notification to the Trustee Board), rather than decision by the Board - leading to quicker decision-making.
 - **Streamlined the application process:**
+ Added additional questions on the application forms to help us better engage with applicants, plus improved Monitoring & Evaluation reporting via online submission.
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'At The Face' podcasts

The latest episode of the '**At The Face**' podcast has just been released, and features **Rob Arnott** (former Trustee of TLF; co-founder of Richmond Junior LC and SE Lacrosse Development).

This is the latest one in a series of TLF-sponsored podcasts, which focus on TLF-funded projects, and can be accessed via the following link (or wherever you usually get your podcasts !)

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1051561/12741757-rob-arnott-richmond-junior-club?t=0>
Go on, give it a listen.

The three previous 'At The Face' podcasts which relate to TLF are still available:

Rob Collinge - TLF <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1051561/8465565-rob-collinge-tlf>

Dan Clements - Border City LC <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1051561/9674805-dan-clements>

Helen Amos - FE LACS <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1051561/10420964-helen-amos-fe-lacrosse-and-creating-the-fly>

If you have a project that will grow the game of lacrosse in Great Britain, then **The Lacrosse Foundation may be able to support it.**

To find out more, [check out our website](#) to understand our [aims & objectives](#), as well as additional detail in our [Grants criteria section](#)

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