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Russia Boosts 2018 World Cup Spending

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The budget for Russia's 2018 football☒World Cup is set to receive a 4.7 billion ruble ($81 million) boost,☒the Russian government has announced.

The money will be added to the 638☒billion rubles ($11 billion) currently earmarked for the project.

The budget has already been raised several☒times following an announcement by former Russian Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko, claiming that World Cup spending would be slashed.

Mutko said in June 2015 that Russia's financial☒crisis had forced officials to cut total spending from 661 billion☒rubles ($11.4 billion) to 631 billion rubles ($10.9 billion).

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The 2018 World Cup will be held in Russia from June 14 to July 15, 2018. Matches will be played

in 11 Russian cities, including Moscow, Kaliningrad, and St. Petersburg.

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