

## 2025 SPECIAL PROJECT PARTICIPATION GRANT SCHEME

Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership's Club Development Programme provides grant assistance to sport clubs/organisations within County Sligo for Special Project Participation Initiatives. This scheme reflects and will contribute to the objectives of Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership Strategic Plan and the National Sports Policy. The Scheme aims to support opportunities to increase participation among target groups and to support new and additional sports programming/ events thereby promoting sport and physical activity opportunities.

### **Criteria/Guidelines for 2025 Special Project Participation Scheme**

Applicants will be assessed, and allocation of grants determined having regard for the criteria below which reflects both Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership and Sport Ireland policies and priorities as outlined in their respective strategies.

**Funding allocations for eligible applications is limited and is likely to range from €250 to €700.**

**Please note: If your club has an outstanding grant scheme drawdown process to complete/grant balance to receive relating to an SSRP grant scheme over 2020-2024, this will need to be completed and closed off before any grant allocation under this current 2025 scheme can be released.**

#### **Criteria for Eligible Projects may include:**

- Introduction of new sports projects/initiatives for target groups where opportunities do not already exist (Young people, disadvantaged, females, Travellers, unemployed people)
- Projects/initiatives that cater for people with disabilities
- Projects which reflect a wide geographical spread
- Projects which provide for a significant number of participants (mass participation)
- New initiatives/capacity-building promoting participation in sport and physical activity by groups with low participation rates
- Sports club initiatives supporting the development of minority sports
- Open Day/Come & Try Initiatives, Social leagues or tournaments will only be considered as part of a sustainable programme to increase membership/ return of members to physical activity

#### **Ineligible Projects include:**

- Capital costs or major items of equipment.
- Day to day club running costs (eg. transport, insurance, purchase of gear) including annual venue hire or rent expenses.
- Club affiliation fees and travel costs.
- Costs such as entertainment or prizes
- Initiatives which are being used as fundraisers.
- Applications from community organisations/ schools/ individuals.
- Applications from profit making groups/commercial organisations.
- Sports clubs not affiliated to their relevant National Governing Body.

#### **To be eligible sports clubs/groups must:**

- Be based in County Sligo and be affiliated to a Sport Ireland recognised NGB.
- Have policies and practices that encourage participation regardless of gender, age, race or ability.
- Where applicable, clubs must have attended or commit to attending Child Welfare/Safeguarding and Disability Awareness training.

**Timeframe:**

- Project planning/ delivery to take place between 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 and 30th September 2025.
- Closing date for applications is 12noon, Friday 14th March 2025.
- Successful applicants will be notified by email on the 16th /17th April 2025.

**Grant Information:**

- Each application will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- 70% of the grant allocation will be paid in advance with the final 30% paid upon completion of project report and submission of evidence of expenditure. **Please retain all receipts/evidence of expenditure for submission with the project report.**
- The decision of the SSRP Board is final.

**Successful applicants:**

- Must comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from SSRP.
- Must comply with reporting requirements regarding project impact/ outcomes.