**30M Sports Capital Grants Programme Announced**

The Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Shane Ross TD, and the Minister of State for Tourism and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD, have announced that the 2017 Sports Capital Programme will be open for applications from 9am Monday 23 January 2017 on www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie.  
  
Applications are being sought from sports clubs, voluntary and community groups, national governing bodies of sport and local authorities.  Third level colleges, Education and Training Boards and schools may only apply for funding jointly with sports clubs.  
Clubs not previously registered on the Department’s online application system - OSCAR (Online Sports Capital Register) need to do so in advance of this date and clubs are strongly encouraged to register now. The guide to making an application is available on the Department’s Sports Capital Programme website (**www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie** ).   
  
THE CLOSING DATE FOR **REGISTRATION ON OSCAR** IS 5PM FRIDAY **10 FEBRUARY** 2017.   
  
THE CLOSING DATE FOR **SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS** IS 5PM ON **FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY** 2017.  
 **Immediate steps if your club/organisation is planning to apply:**  
1. If you have not registered previously, get registered immediately on OSCAR at  [**www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie**](http://www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie/).  The guide to OSCAR registration is available at [**http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/publications/sport/english/guide-registering-oscar/guidetoregisteringonoscar2016a.pdf**](http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/publications/sport/english/guide-registering-oscar/guidetoregisteringonoscar2016a.pdf). You will need a Tax Registration Number which can take up to 10 working days therefore do not delay in order to meet the 10th February deadline.  
2. Familiarise yourself with the ‘Guide to making an Application’ [**http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/publications/sport/english/2017-sports-capital-programme-guide-making-application/2017-sports-capital-programme-guide-filling-out-application-form.pdf**](http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/publications/sport/english/2017-sports-capital-programme-guide-making-application/2017-sports-capital-programme-guide-filling-out-application-form.pdf) and the Youtube ‘How to’ videos at [**https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq1kBv-FA7QcFmu8cdrIsTg**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq1kBv-FA7QcFmu8cdrIsTg)  
3. Undertake any other preparatory work in advance of formally completing the application  
4. Submit application by 5pm Friday 24 February 2017.  
  
The Sports Capital Programme is the Government’s primary vehicle for supporting the development of sports facilities and the purchase of non-personal sports equipment.   
 **The programme funds:**  
• Natural grass sports pitches, tracks and courts (including pitch drainage)  
• Floodlighting  
• Artificial sports pitches, tracks, courts and multi-use games areas  
• Security fencing, ball stop netting and goal posts  
• Hurling walls / handball alleys  
• Building or refurbishment of dressing rooms, showers and toilets  
• Building or refurbishment of sports halls and gyms  
• Non-personal equipment including lawn mowers and defibrillators.  Anything set in the ground (such as goal posts) is not considered equipment.  
• Any other capital projects that are clearly sporting in nature and that will increase participation in sport or improve performance  
  
**For advice on how to make the application or for any technical matters:**  
  
• read the Guide  
• view the YouTube how-to videos [**https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq1kBv-FA7QcFmu8cdrIsTg**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq1kBv-FA7QcFmu8cdrIsTg)  
• attend an information workshop, to be held during the application period, on how to fill out the form  
• look up the Knowledge Base on **www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie**  
• phone the Department – Sligo applicants with queries can contact (064) 6627367  
• email SportsCapitalProgrammes@dttas.ie  
• you can download a blank sample application form at [**http://www.dttas.ie/sport/english/sport-unit-1-sports-capital-programmes-division**](http://www.dttas.ie/sport/english/sport-unit-1-sports-capital-programmes-division)  
 (this is only a sample form and all applications must be made on the online OSCAR system)