



Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership COVID-19 Club Small Grant Scheme

Grant Criteria and Terms & Conditions

Sports Clubs in County Sligo can now apply for COVID-19 Club Small Grants of up to €1,500 through Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership.

The COVID-19 Club Small Grant Scheme is part of a programme from the Government of Ireland, implemented through Sport Ireland and its network of Local Sports Partnerships to support the sports sector during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 Club Small Grant Scheme will provide assistance to local clubs with covering costs associated with the reopening of sports clubs. This scheme is separate to the Sports Club Resilience Fund, which will be delivered through National Governing Bodies.

This scheme is designed to support clubs, which do not have the finances to implement COVID-19 related hygiene and social distancing protocols. As the total fund available is limited, clubs which already have the finances to implement COVID-19 protocols should not apply. Clubs must ensure that, where available, they prioritise the application for funding support via their National Governing Body or relevant representative body. Funding support for the same purpose should not be sought from multiple sources.

This grant scheme is designed and intended to support the return to sporting activities only and cannot be used to support COVID-19 costs related to hospitality services such as bars or restaurants within sports facilities.

The scheme will be based on identified needs. Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership and Sport Ireland will work together to ensure that the investment is distributed fairly and every effort will be made to ensure that the wider sports community benefits from this scheme. There is a €1,500 limit per club on this grant scheme however applications will be means tested and only clubs with the most need will be eligible for the full amount. Clubs should not feel that they have to apply for the full amount to be considered for support.

Who can apply?

Clubs who are:

- Based in County Sligo.
- Affiliated to a Sport Ireland recognised NGB or operate as a not for profit group with a primary purpose of encouraging physical activity and sport.
- Open for public membership.

Who is ineligible to apply?

- Individuals.
- Clubs who have received COVID 19 support grants from other sources eg Local Authority, NGB. Double funding checks will be conducted at local and national level.
- National/Regional/County Governing Bodies/Statutory agencies.

What costs are eligible?

This grant can cover costs associated with the reopening of sports clubs. The club grant scheme is designed and intended to support the return to sporting activities only. COVID 19 related costs for hygiene, infrastructure (Plexiglas, dispensers, signage), venue/equipment cleaning; volunteer/staff training and registration/event management are eligible under this scheme.

The COVID 19 Club Small Grants can be used to support COVID 19 related expenditure dating from **2nd May 2020 onwards** (Date of publication of Government roadmap to recovery).

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Clubs...

- With juvenile members, must operate under the basis of best practice for children in sport and must have a safeguarding statement in place.
- Must have policies and practices that encourage participation for all.
- Must have appointed a COVID 19 Officer.
- Must be registered with Sligo Public Participation Network (If not please contact: www.sligoppn.com, Tele: 07191 14425/14430, Email: ppn@sligococo.ie).
- Must have a club bank account in place.
- Must have a Constitution or Memorandum and Articles of Association in place and hold an AGM.
- Must ensure that, where applicable, application for funding support be made via their NGB or relevant representative body. Funding support for the same purpose should not be sought from multiple sources.
- Must comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership and acknowledge Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership as a source of funding.
- If successful, clubs will be advised of their allocation in mid-October 2020 at the earliest and will be asked to supply bank account details for payment purposes. Clubs will be required to provide confirmation of how the funding was spent and are advised to retain all receipts related to spend as random checks will be conducted.
- All grants must be spent by the 31st December 2020.
- Applications will not be accepted after the closing date of **12 noon on Wednesday 26th August 2020**.

For further information see
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