

2021 RETURN TO PARTICIPATION GRANT SCHEME

SSRP aims to support the return to participation in sport and physical activity in sports clubs affiliated to their National Governing Body of Sport. This small-scale grant aims to support clubs in enabling a return to sport for their members following Covid-19 while also supporting opportunities to increase participation through new initiatives. Sports clubs which did not receive funding through the SSRP Covid-19 Small Grant Scheme in 2020 will be considered for prioritisation.

Priority will be given to applications focussing on low participation groups and the target groups identified in the SSRP strategic plan.

Terms and Conditions for 2021 Return to Participation Grant Scheme

Applicants will be assessed and allocation of grants determined having regard for the criteria below which reflects priorities for Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership, Sport Ireland and the National Sports Policy.

The total grant fund available is limited with a maximum allocation for any club of €1500

The process for funding decisions will be based on evidence of complying with the eligible criteria below and demonstrating positive impact on participation.

Criteria for Eligible Projects may include:

- Initiatives proposed must demonstrate how they will facilitate a return to participation for club members or increase participation through a new initiative with a focus on key target groups (low participation groups, disadvantaged communities, youth, older adults, people with a disability, women, men over 40)
- 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.
- Equipment and costs such as; bibs, cones, balls, first aid, referee fees, insurance for activities etc. may be required for specific participation initiatives and can be included.
- Clubs can utilise this fund to pay for external tutors/ instructors to deliver activities while building club capacity.
- Sports club initiatives supporting the development of minority sports.

Ineligible Projects/ Costs include:

- Capital costs or major items of equipment
- 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

To be eligible sports clubs 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 and Disability Awareness training.

Grant Information:

- Each application will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- 70% grant will be paid in advance for projects funded with final 30% paid upon completion/ furnishing of receipts.
- 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

Closing date for applications is Thursday 22nd July at 12 noon