



Covid-19 Physical Activity Initiatives and Small Grants Scheme 2022

SSRP aims to support the return to participation in sport and physical activity in sports clubs and community organisations who provide physical activity opportunities as part of their core local service. This small scale grant scheme aims to enable a return to sport for members/ communities following the Covid-19 pandemic while also supporting opportunities to increase participation through new physical activity initiatives. Sports clubs and community organisations which did not receive funding through the SSRP Covid-19 Small Grant Scheme in 2020/ Return to Participation Scheme in 2021 will be considered for prioritisation. Applications focussing on low participation groups and the target groups identified in the SSRP Strategic Plan will receive priority funding.

Applications must clearly demonstrate a link to the provision of a physical activity initiative in their sports club or community organisation.

The timeframe for delivery of the initiative and expenditure is from 1st January 2022 to 31st August 2022, with successful applicants being notified in mid April 2022.

Applicants should retain all receipts and evidence of expenditure for the initiative

70% of grant awarded will be processed in May 2022 with the remaining 30% processed in Septemeber 2022 subject to the submission of the relevant report and receipts/evidence of expenditure to SSRP.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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/organisation of €1,500.

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

Criteria for Eligible Physical Activity Initiatives may include:

- Physical activity initiatives proposed must demonstrate how they will facilitate a return to participation for club/ community 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 etc may be required for specific participation initiatives and can be included.
- Covid-19 supplies required for a return to sport.
- Overheads linked to facilitating a physical activity initiative including insurance, heating, light etc.

- Clubs and community organisations 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 Physical Activity Initiatives/ Costs include:

- Capital costs or major items of equipment.
- Club and community affiliation fees and travel costs .
- Costs such as entertainment or prizes.
- Initiatives which are being used as fundraisers.
- Applications from youth groups/ schools/ individuals/commercial organisations.

To be eligible sports clubs and community organisations must:

- Be based in County Sligo.
- Have policies and practices that encourage participation regardless of gender, age, race or ability.
- Have their own bank account.
- Where applicable, clubs and community organisations 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% of grant will be paid in advance for initiatives funded with final 30% paid upon completion of report and 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 12 noon Friday 11th March 2022