

2024 SPECIAL PROJECT PARTICIPATION GRANT SCHEME

The 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 2024 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.

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, 2021, 2022 or 2023, this will need to be completed and closed off before any grant allocation under this current 2024 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, Travelers, 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 **1st February 2024 and 30th September 2024**.
- Closing date for applications is **12noon, Friday 15th March 2024**
- Successful applicants will be notified by email on the 18th /19th April 2024.

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 of 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.