

Cork Sports Partnership COVID-19 Club Small Grant Scheme Guidelines

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. This scheme is designed to support clubs that 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.

What can the Grant Cover?

The COVID-19 Club Small Grant Scheme can cover Covid-19 associated costs with the reopening of sports clubs. The club grant scheme is designed and intended to support return to sporting activities only. These can include;

- COVID-19 Related Costs for Hygiene Consumables (E.g. Hand sanitizer, soap, face masks, gloves etc.)
- COVID-19 Related Infrastructure Costs (E.g. Plexiglass screens, wall mounted dispensers, signage)
- COVID-19 Related venue/equipment cleaning costs
- Increased venue hire costs to comply with social distancing
- COVID-19 Related Volunteer Training Costs
- COVID-19 Related Staff Training Costs
- Additional Registration/ Event Management Costs (E.g. admin or IT costs to manage self declarations)

Funding Availability:

The maximum amount of funding available per club is €1,500.

Applications will be means tested and only clubs with the most need will be eligible for the full allocation. Clubs should not feel that they have to apply for the full amount to be considered for support.

This funding cannot be used to support COVID-19 costs related to the commercial sector such as gyms, bootcamps etc. or hospitality services such as bars or restaurants within sports or community facilities. COVID-19 related expenditure dating from 2nd May 2020* can be included in submissions (*Date of publication of Government roadmap to recovery).

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.

Sport Ireland and Cork Sports Partnership will work together to ensure that the investment is distributed fairly. Every effort will be made to ensure that the wider sports community benefits from this scheme.

Eligibility:

Who can apply?

- Sport & Physical Activity Clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body (NGB)
- Other non-commercial Clubs/Groups whose primary function is Sport and Physical Activity

Closing Date:

The closing date for receipt of applications is **5pm on Friday 4th September**. Applications submitted after this will not be accepted.

Please Note:

- Only one application can be submitted per club
- Applications must be submitted to the LSP in the county in which your club is based.
- The online form must be filled out in one attempt, there is no facility to save the form and return to it at a later date. All questions included are listed below so applicants have all information to hand when completing the application form.
- No canvassing rules apply. Canvassing will result in disqualification.
- Please be advised that demand for this scheme is expected to be high and the fund is limited.
- Decision of Committee will be final.
- No late applications will be accepted.

Data Collection & Processing:

We, Cork Sports Partnership, collect the personal data provided below for one or more specific purposes, on the basis of public authority to our statutory duties.

The purposes and reasons for processing your personal data are detailed below:

- Identifying and evaluating organisations that apply for funding
- Organisation overview and governance
- Conducting compliance checks
- Delivery of efficient services to meet organisations needs
- Recording and communicating the activities of our organisation and other organisations to stakeholders
- Facilitating future contact with relevant stakeholders
- In order to comply with a legal obligation
- Research and development of sports participation

We do not share or disclose any of your personal information without your consent, other than for the purposes specified or where there is a legal requirement. The minimum amount of personal information is shared with Sport Ireland.

The information above should be read in conjunction with the privacy notice on our website-> "<https://www.corksports.ie/privacy-policy>"

How to Apply:

The online Covid-19 Club Small Grant Scheme application form should be completed by an authorised club official by clicking the link or button below:

[Cork Sports Partnership Covid-19 Club Small Grant Scheme Application](#)



Application Form Questions:

For information, the questions from the application form are listed below

Question Number	Question
1	Please provide the name of the person we should contact regarding this application
2	Applicants should be a club officer (Secretary, Chairperson, Treasurer etc..). Please state the position of the person applying for this fund.
3	Please provide the email address of the applicant
4	Club Name
5	Club Address
6	Club Eircode (If Eircode not available please provide GPS Coordinates) Club Eircode can be found here: www.eircode.ie For Clubs without a base please provide the GPS coordinates of your most frequently used activity location Help to find GPS Coordinates can be found here: www.maps.ie/coordinates.html
Club Information	
7	What is the Primary Sport your Club is involved in?
8	Is your club registered with a National Governing Body of Sport?
9	Is your club registered with your Local Sports Partnership?
10	Is your club registered with the Local Authority Public Participation Network?
11	How many club members, in total, do you currently have in 2020?
12	In 2020, how many of the total club members are female?
13	In 2020, how many club of the total members are people with a disability?
14	How many club members, in total, did you have in 2019?
15	In 2019, how many of the total club members were female?
16	In 2019, how many of the total club members were people with a disability?

17	Does your club have members under the age of 18?
18	In 2020, how many club members are under the age of 18?
19	In 2020, of the club members under the age of 18, how many are female?
20	In 2019, how many members were under the age of 18?
21	In 2019, of the club members under the age of 18, how many were female?
Safeguarding Compliance	
22	Does your club have a safeguarding statement in place?
23	Does your club have a Safety statement in place?
24	Does your club have a Child Protection Officer in place?
25	Are all coaches and volunteers who work with underage individuals/teams Garda Vetted?
26	Has your club signed the Cara Sport Inclusion Disability Charter? For more information see: www.caracentre.ie/sport-inclusion-disability-charter
COVID Compliance	
27	Does your club have a written COVID-19 safety statement/protocols in place?
28	Does your club have COVID officer(s) in place?
29	Have your coaches/volunteers completed Sport Ireland or NGB COVID-19 Training?
Note: Total Funding applied for cannot exceed €1500 per club.	
31	How much is your club applying for under the following headings?:
	COVID-19 Related Costs for Hygiene Consumables (E.g. Hand sanitizer, soap, face masks, gloves etc.)
	COVID-19 Related Infrastructure Costs (E.g. Plexiglass screens, wall mounted dispensers, signage)
	COVID-19 Related venue/equipment cleaning costs
	Increased venue hire costs to comply with social distancing
	COVID-19 Related Volunteer Training Costs
	COVID-19 Related Staff Training Costs
	Additional Registration/ Event Management Costs (E.g. admin or IT costs to manage self-declarations)
	Other - Provide Description
	Please Indicate the Total Funding being applied for. (Sum of above amounts) Note: Total Funding applied for cannot exceed €1500 per club.
Club Governance and Finance	
32	Does the club have a constitution or memorandum and articles of association in place?
33	When did your club's most recent AGM take place?
34	Please indicate your club's income for 2020 to date
35	Please indicate your club's expenditure for 2020 to date
36	Please indicate your club's income for 2019
37	Please indicate your club's expenditure for 2019
38	As of July 2020, what is your club's bank balance? (Total of all current and savings accounts)
Other COVID 19 Funding Sources	
39	Is your National Governing Body of Sport running a COVID 19 club support scheme for items included in your application?
40	Have you applied to your National Governing Body for financial support to purchase items included in your application?
41	Have you received funding from other organisations for items included in your application?
42	Please list all organisations you received this funding from?
43	What is the total value of funds you have received from other organisations for items included in your application?

Declarations	
44	<p>I declare that I have reviewed and approved the above application form and that the information given in this funding application is true and accurate.</p> <p>I understand that by applying for this funding my Club agrees to submit to and comply with any audit or inspection as may be required to assert the accuracy of the application and the expenditure of any allocated funds.</p> <p>I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions of Grants. On behalf of my organisation I accept the terms and conditions of grants and agree to be bound by those terms and conditions.</p> <p>I hereby apply for grant-aid for the organisation for 2020.</p>
45	My club would like to be added to the Local Sports Partnership club database.
46	I would like my email address to be added to the Local Sports Partnership email list.
47	I understand that the information I have provided will be used for the purposes as described at the start of this application form.

More Information:

If you require further information on the Covid-19 Club Small Grant Scheme for Cork, please email mosullivan@corksports.ie