

CARLOW SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

LOCAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT SMALL GRANT SCHEME

APPLICATION GUIDELINES 2020



BACKGROUND

Carlow Sports Partnership has secured funding from Sport Ireland to support the development of sport and physical activity in County Carlow with a particular emphasis on low participation groups such as young people, people with a disability, older adults, women and girls, men over 45 years, ethnic minorities and people residing in disadvantaged areas.

This grant scheme is one element of a range of supports offered by Carlow Sports Partnership, and available to local clubs and physical activity groups, including: Training & Capacity Building; Volunteer Development; Funding Guidance; Programme Development; Facility Development; School/Club Links & Sports Club/NBG Directories, etc.

Funding under the Carlow Sports Partnership Sports Development Small Grant Scheme 2020 is available under the following headings:

- 1) **Club Development;**
- 2) **Women & Girls Participation;**
- 3) **Volunteer Support & Capacity Building.**

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

The maximum grant under each funding heading is **€1,000**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CAPITAL PROJECTS ARE
NOT ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS SCHEME
IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR FUNDING SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL COSTS
(EQUIP THAT COSTS OVER €2,000 & INFRASTRUCTURE/BUILDING
WORK PLEASE SEE <https://www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie/>**

OVERALL AIM

This fund aims to assist **existing** clubs and community groups that have physical activity and sport as their primary activity and encourage the set-up of **new** clubs and groups to promote physical activity and sport. As per Sport Ireland guidelines - priority will be given to minority sports and low participation groups including young people, females, people with a disability, ethnic minorities, older adults, ethnic minorities and clubs/groups located in disadvantaged areas.

WHO CAN APPLY

Grants are available to all local sports clubs, community groups, and voluntary organisations that promote physical activity & sport.

To be eligible organisations/clubs/groups must:

- Operate as a 'not for profit' club or organisation that is open to public membership;
- Have a primary objective of sport or physically active recreation;
- Have policies and practices that encourage participation for all;
- Operate under the basis of best practice for children in sport. Must show evidence of club representative(s) completion of Safeguarding Children Basic Awareness Course;
- Club representative(s) must undertake to complete Disability Awareness Training workshop under the Carlow Sports Partnership Sports Inclusion Development Programme.

The following individuals/organisation are not eligible to apply:

- National/Regional/County governing bodies (excluding County Carlow Community Games, who can apply);
- For profit groups/commercial organisations;
- Private facility owners;
- Statutory agencies;
- Applications eligible for funding under other schemes will not be considered (e.g. Sports Capital Grant Scheme; National Grant Scheme for Older People etc).

KEY CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

The grant applications will be assessed by the Carlow Sports Partnership Advisory Committee, which is a sub-committee of Carlow County Council. The decision of the Carlow Sports Partnership Advisory Committee is final. Assessments will be based on the criteria outlined below:

- Activities that have the potential to increase levels and frequency of participation in sport and physical activity in County Carlow;
- Priority will be given to activities / initiatives to increase participation and inclusion of ethnic minorities; people with a disability, women and girls, men over 45 and clubs/groups located in disadvantaged or remote areas;
- Demonstrate alignment with key actions of the National Sports Policy (Action 5, 6, 9 and 14) as highlighted in the note at the end of this document;
- Evidence of club/group status with regard to committee, membership, number of coaches as evidenced in the application form;
- Club/group must have bank account;
- Must nominate two people to complete Disability Inclusion Training;
- Evidence of any match funding;
- Fully complete application form.

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE COSTS

- Initiatives / Events / Programmes that will attract new participants;
- Tutor / coach / leader capacity building / training / upskilling costs;
- Introduction of new activities / sports;
- Programmes to enhance club/school links;
- Establishing a new competition / recreational outlet;
- Equipment costs (max e1,000);
- Coaching equipment;
- Activities that promote social inclusion amongst groups with low participation.

EXAMPLES OF INELIGIBLE COSTS

- Capital Projects (e.g. pitch development etc.);
- Costs, including wages, associated with the administration of this grant;
- Costs associated with travel to competitions;
- Ongoing costs such as rent, insurance, membership fees, etc.;
- Clothing;
- Coaching/Instructing salaries & wages of a continual or seasonal nature

EVALUATION REPORT FORM

Applicants should note that successful clubs/groups/organisations will be required to complete a short evaluation report form on completion of the funded activity.

APPLICATIONS

This grant scheme is supported by **Carlow County Council** and **Sport Ireland**. For further information please contact the **Carlow Sports Partnership** office at 059 9136207 / 087 214 5262 or by email mjduggan@carlowcoco.ie. Applications should be signed by two club/group/organisation committee members. Only hard copy applications submitted by post accepted.

Completed application forms should be submitted by post to:

**Carlow Sports Partnership,
Community, Housing,
Recreation & Amenity Department,
Carlow County Council, Athy Road, Carlow,
R93 E7R7**

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF
APPLICATIONS IS
MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER, 2020.**

NOTE ON THE NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY:

National Sports Policy 2018 – 2027

Recognising the influence and importance of sport to Irish society this policy sets out the government's Vision for Irish Sport in 2027 along with 57 actions to transform the sporting landscape over the next decade. The following actions provide the context for the assessment of the grant scheme by the Carlow Sports Partnership Advisory Committee. To view a copy of the full document type the following link into your web browser: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/aaa7d9-national-sports-policy-2018-2027/>

National Sports Policy Extract Document Extract:

Action 5 – *We will prioritise sports like swimming, cycling and running which we believe have the greatest potential for generating higher levels of active participation across the life course, seeking to ensure that our children have the necessary skills to engage in these activities in a meaningful way while also investing in the development of infrastructure, programmes and people to help sustain participation throughout adolescence and adulthood.*

Action 6 – *Sport Ireland will develop initiatives with the NGBs, LSPs, schools, third level institutions, the CARA Centre and other relevant parties to address participation in sport among adolescents and young adults, particularly females, those from lower socio-economic backgrounds, persons with a disability, the LGBTI+ community, the Traveller Community and other ethnic minorities. Team and individual based NGBs will be encouraged to develop initiatives which promote wider participation across their respective codes. Schools and sports clubs will be encouraged to foster better links to make more efficient use of their facilities, while LSPs will be asked to develop participation interventions making use of these facilities. The CARA Centre will advise people on the particular needs in respect of individuals with disabilities.*

Action 9 – *We will redouble our efforts to address inequalities in sports participation as part of the Local Sports Partnership Plans development process. Resources will be directed to promote the broadest possible participation, ensuring quality and accessibility for all groups. Funding will be prioritised on programmes which focus on those groups with lower levels of participation, particularly those in lower socio-economic groups, persons with a disability and older people. We will also emphasise the virtue of collaboration between sporting bodies (NGBs, LSPs and clubs) and between sport and other policy sectors in the development and promotion of participation initiatives.*

Action 14 – *We will use our funding streams to foster social participation in sport by encouraging the development of strong community-based sports organisations (e.g. Community Sports Hubs), supporting and developing those who volunteer for sport and promoting social members of sports clubs (as well as playing membership).*

