



Waterford Sports Partnership COVID 19 Club Small Grant Scheme Grant Criteria and Terms & Conditions

Sports clubs in Waterford can now apply for COVID-19 Club Small Grants of up to €1,500 through Waterford Sports Partnership. 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.

The COVID-19 Club Small Grant Scheme will provide assistance to local clubs with covering costs associated with the reopening of sports clubs. This scheme is separate to the Sports Club Resilience Fund, which will be delivered through National Governing Bodies.

This scheme is designed to support clubs, which 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. 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.

This grant scheme is designed and intended to support return to sporting activities only and cannot be used to support COVID-19 costs related to hospitality services such as bars or restaurants within sports facilities.

The scheme will be based on identified needs. Waterford Sports Partnership and Sport Ireland will work together to ensure that the investment is distributed fairly and every effort will be made to ensure that the wider sports community benefits from this scheme. While there is an upper limit of €1,500 per club on this grant scheme, please note that a number of factors will be considered in deciding allocations including the level of applications received nationally and locally, meeting of grant criteria, means testing and level of need. Clubs should not feel that they have to apply for the full amount to be considered for support.

The form must be filled out in one attempt, there is no facility to save the form and return to it at a later date.

Who can apply?

Clubs/Organisations must...

- be based in Waterford City/County
- be affiliated to a Sport Ireland recognised NGB and/or operate as a not for profit group with a primary purpose of encouraging physical activity and sport

- be open for public membership.

Who is ineligible to apply?

- Individuals
- Clubs/organisations who have received Covid-19 support grants from other sources eg Local Authority, NGB. Double funding checks will be conducted at local and national level.
- National/Regional/County Governing Bodies/Statutory agencies.

What costs are eligible?

This grant can cover costs associated with the reopening of sports clubs. The club grant scheme is designed and intended to support return to sporting activities only. Covid related costs for hygiene, infrastructure (eg. Plexiglas, dispensers, signage, sink, dryer), venue/equipment cleaning; volunteer/staff training and registration/event management are eligible under this scheme.

The COVID 19 Club Small Grants can be used to support COVID 19 related expenditure dating from **2nd May 2020 onwards** (Date of publication of Government roadmap to recovery).

Terms and Conditions

Clubs/organisations.....

- with juvenile members, must operate under the basis of best practice for children in sport and must have a safeguarding statement in place
- must have policies and practices that encourage participation for all
- must have appointed a Covid-19 Officer
- must be registered with Waterford Public Participation Network (contact sineadfahey@waterfordcouncil.ie – 0761 10 2588 or mtobin@waterfordcouncil.ie – 0761 10 2198
- must have a club/organisation bank account in place
- must have a constitution or memorandum and articles of association in place and hold an AGM
- must ensure that, where applicable, application for funding support be made via their NGB or relevant representative body. Funding support for the same purpose should not be sought from multiple sources.
- must comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from Waterford Sports Partnership and acknowledge Waterford Sports Partnership as a source of funding in any publications, leaflets, signage, online etc.
- if successful, will be advised of their allocation in October at the earliest. Confirmation of how the funding has been spent will be required.
- must be in a position to provide verifiable evidence to support their application on request. Applications will be subject to random checks.
- applications will not be accepted after the closing date of **31 August 2020**.

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