

SPORTS FUNDING PROGRAMMES



Waterford Summary Information – May 2021

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Sports Capital Programme	This Programme aims to foster an integrated and planned approach to developing sports and physical recreation facilities throughout the country.	www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie
LOCAL FUNDING		
Waterford Area Partnership	Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (2018-2022) provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion through engagement and partnerships.	https://wap.ie/
AN CLAR	A targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage	https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/91ba52-clar/
Waterford LEADER Partnership	Transitional LEADER Programme should seek to address the challenges facing rural Ireland in the coming period and to complement the forthcoming Rural Development Policy which will place an emphasis on job creation, remote working, and maximising the potential of broadband in rural communities.	https://www.wlp.ie/

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Waterford County Council	The Supporting Communities Fund provides grant aid assistance to Residents Associations, Community Groups, Sports Clubs and other groups/committees engaged in community activity, providing community services or carrying out improvement works at local or county level. Groups can apply under one the following 3 funding strands: 1. Residents Association Fund 2. Community Activity Fund 3. Sports & Recreation Fund	https://waterfordcouncilnews.com/ 2020/01/27/supporting- communities-fund-2020-now-open
Local Sports Partnership	Technical support for development of clubs and sports in the county.	https://www.waterfordsportspar tnership.ie/funding- opportunities/
NGB Funding		
FAI	Implements a number of ad hoc grant supports for affiliated clubs and offers support and guidance on applications	https://www.fai.ie/domestic/facil ities/funding
The Cricket Ireland Club Facilities Grant	Assists cricket clubs to improve grounds, pavilions and equipment. Over the last three years €150,000 has been invested in clubs through the Cricket Ireland Club Facilities Grant.	https://www.cricketireland.ie/get -involved/club-grant-and- funding-programmes
GAA Development Grants	GAA provides grant aid to support GAA clubs in the development of their facilities distributed by the provincial board.	https://munster.gaa.ie/clubs/mu nstergaa-development-grants/
IRFU	The objective of the scheme is to measurably increase and improve the scope for the playing of the game of Rugby Football in Ireland by providing financial assistance to clubs for the purchase and/or improvement of playing and playing related facilities and also for the facilities, equipment and amenities	https://www.irishrugby.ie/runnin g-your-club/club-funding/

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Other Agencies		
Kerry Group MyCommunity	The MyCommunity programme combines Kerry's resources and expertise to support employees in volunteering with locally-led community initiatives which directly support food, nutrition and health.	https://www.kerry.com/latest- news/2020/kerry-group- initiative-to-support-local- communities
Erasmus +	Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe. The 2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life. It supports priorities and activities set out in the European Education Area, Digital Education Action Plan and the European Skills Agenda. The programme also: • supports the European Pillar of Social Rights • implements the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027 • develops the European dimension in sport.	http://www.leargas.ie/programmes/erasmusplus
The Department of Rural and Community Development	The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure. It also provides support for the necessary repair, maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas across Ireland. Excludes Waterford City The scheme supports sporting and recreational pursuits. It helps to make use of the resources of the countryside that contribute to healthy active lifestyles. It supports the economic and tourism potential of the area for both local communities and tourist visitors alike.	https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/fd0c9f-outdoor-recreation-infrastructu

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Bank of Ireland – Begin Together Fund	This fund will support new and existing project-based activities with grants of up to €5,000 (or the sterling equivalent) for local, not for profit groups working to improve financial physical and/or mental wellbeing of the communities they serve across all counties on the island of Ireland.	https://www.communityfoundati on.ie/images/uploads/pdfs/Begin _Together_FundCriteriapdf
Irish Youth Foundation Grants	Vhi, in partnership with the Irish Youth Foundation, Health & Wellbeing Fund. The fund supports projects that are seeking to strengthen resilience in young people and help them manage anxiety, with an emphasis on early intervention and prevention work.	https://iyf.ie/grants
Primark Local Community Support	Primark supports many local charitable organisations, community projects, families and individuals across the UK and Ireland throughout the year. Requests for contributions are received on a daily basis and try to support those involving children, education, people with disabilities, healthcare and the elderly.	http://www.primark.com/en- ie/our-stores Your local store
Sports to Impact Fund	The Sports to Impact Fund has been created by Rethink Ireland in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development via the Dormant Accounts Fund. We believe that when designed and applied deliberately for change, sports can have the potential to be a great equaliser for society, with the power to drive positive transformation in our lives and our communities. Through the Sports to Impact Fund, we are aiming to support the most innovative projects across the country that are using sports as a means to create positive social impact in Ireland.	https://rethinkireland.ie/ current_fund/sports-to- impact-fund-2020/

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Topaz	Topaz is giving local clubs a chance to win Cash for their Clubs. Grand prize of €10,000/£10,000 for the main winner. Collect 1 TOKEN with every €30/£30 fuel purchased at participating Circle K / Topaz. Register your Club today and start collecting tokens.	https://www.playorpark.i e/cash-for-clubs
The Ireland Funds	Range of grants available for the not for profit voluntary sectr across Ireland – Heart of the Community Fund; Small Grants Round and Flagship Awards	https://irelandfunds.org/grants/
The Community Foundation For Ireland	Offers grants to wide range of non profit community organisations. – Grants for Mergers: a small fund which allows organisations or consortiums to explore this. It is for the facilitation of early-stage discussions and negotiations, and not the process of merging in action.	https://www.communityfoundati on.ie/grants
Tesco Community Fund	The Tesco Community Fund is just one of a number of programmes run by the retailer to support local communities and good causes. Tesco colleagues have raised over €13million for its charity of the year partners since 2001. Most recently Tesco colleagues have raised €2m for AWARE. Tesco's 26 community champions collectively dedicate 20,000 hours to community work every year.	http://www.tesco.ie/communityfund

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