



## ROUND 2 COVID19 SMALL GRANT SCHEME ~ GRANT OVERVIEW ~

11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Grant Scheme Overview:** With many sporting clubs & groups now back to training and activity across the County we are delighted to announce details of the second round of the Covid-19 Club Small Grants Scheme for 2021.

Sports clubs and groups in County Carlow can now apply for Round 2 of the COVID-19 Club Small Grants. Funding up to the maximum amount of €1,500 is available. The deadline for funding applications is 5pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

The COVID-19 Club Small Grant Scheme is part of a series of COVID-19 related funding schemes from Sport Ireland and the Government to support the sports sector in response to the current crisis. The COVID-19 Club Small Grant Scheme will provide assistance to local clubs with covering costs associated with the reopening and delivery of their activities.

**Assessment of Applications:** This scheme is designed to support sports clubs that do not have the finances to implement COVID-19 related hygiene and social distancing protocols. The COVID-19 Club Small Grants can be used to support retrospective COVID-19 related expenditure dating from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

As the total fund available is limited, clubs which already have the finances to implement COVID-19 protocols should not apply. 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. Carlow Sports Partnership will work 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.

**There is a €1,500 limit per club on this grant scheme,** however applications will be means tested and only clubs with the most need will be eligible for the full amount. Clubs should not feel that they have to apply for the full amount to be considered for support.

**Please note the following:** The following points are important to note ...

- Only one application can be submitted per sport club
- Applicant club/groups must be based in Carlow
- Funding support for the same purpose should not be sought from multiple sources, e.g. national governing body of sport, etc.
- Funding can be retrospective from January 2021 onwards (receipts are to be submitted along with the grant application).
- Funding applications must be submitted prior to 5pm on Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Clubs/groups should not feel that they have to apply for the full amount to be considered for support.

**Eligible Costs:** Please see the list below for eligible costs under this grant ...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covid19 related costs for hygiene consumables e.g. hand sanitizer, soap, face masks, gloves, etc.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covid 19 related infrastructure costs e.g. plexiglass screens, wall mounted dispensers, signage, etc.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covid19 related venue and/or equipment cleaning costs</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased venue hire costs to comply with social distancing</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covid19 related training costs</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Additional registration/event management costs e.g. admin or IT costs to manage self-declarations</li></ul>

**Contact Carlow Sports Partnership:** Clubs are advised to contact Carlow Sports Partnership at [mjduggan@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:mjduggan@carlowcoco.ie) or 087 214 5262 for further information on this scheme.