



LOCAL SPORTS PARTICIPATION SMALL GRANT SCHEME

~ APPLICATION GUIDELINES 2021 ~

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, 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. Get in touch with us if you would like to organise a meeting to discuss these supports and how they might benefit your club.

Funding under the Local Sports Participation Small Grant Scheme 2021 is to fund initiatives that increase participation of the following target groups. These groups have been identified through national research reports as having low participation rates:

| Target Groups |
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| Youth |
| Older Adults |
| Women / Girls |
| People with a disability |
| Ethnic Minorities |
| Local communities |

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. The National Sports Policy 2018 – 2027 highlights the need to prioritise support for 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. Read more here: <https://assets.gov.ie/15979/04e0f52cee5f47ce9c01003cf559e98d.pdf>

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

The maximum grant available is €2,000. Please note that capital projects are not eligible under this grant scheme. This is a competitive fund. Evidence of match funding and/or benefit in kind will increase the chance of success for an application.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Grants are available to all local sports clubs, community groups, and voluntary organisations that promote physical activity & sport. This grant is not available to schools, contact the Sports Partnership office for information on school supports.

To be eligible organisations/clubs/groups must:

- Operate as a 'not for profit' club or group that is open to public membership;
- Be based in County Carlow and have an objective relating to physical activity;
- Submit a proposal to increase participation of a particular target group;
- Operate under the basis of best practice for children in sport and show evidence of club representative(s) completion of Safeguarding Children Basic Awareness;
- Submit only one application per club.

The following individuals/organisation are not eligible to apply:

- National/Regional/County governing bodies, excluding Community Games;
- For profit groups/commercial organisations/private facility owners;
- Statutory agencies and schools;
- Projects funded through another source, e.g. Sports Capital Grant Scheme.

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. If the application is not completed in full it will not be assessed further and will be deemed ineligible. The decision of the Carlow Sports Partnership Advisory Committee is final. The assessment of applications will be based on the criteria outlined below:

- Fully complete application form;
- Description of activities that have the potential to increase participation in physical activity. Priority will be given to initiatives that aim to increase participation and inclusion of ethnic minorities; people with a disability, women and girls, older adults and disadvantaged areas;
- Explanation of how success will be measured;
- Commitment of any match funding/benefit-in-kind;

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE COSTS

- Initiatives/events/programmes that will attract new participants;
- Tutor/coach costs (if external to the normal running of club activities);
- Introduction of new activities/sports;
- Programmes to enhance club/school links;
- Establishing a new competition/recreational outlet;
- Equipment costs;
- Activities that promote social inclusion amongst groups with low participation;
- Couch to 5km, community fitness programmes, etc.

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 operational costs such as rent, insurance, membership fees, etc.;
- Clothing – individual or team kits;
- 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 087 214 5262 or by email mjduggan@carlowcoco.ie. Applications should be signed by two club/group/organisation committee members (the chairperson and one other member). Only one application will be accepted per club and the signatory must be the chairperson of the club – not of sub sections or sub-committees. At this time only hard copy applications submitted by post will be 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
FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 2021.**