

## **Round 3: Covid-19 Small Grant Scheme**

### **Application Guidelines**

#### **Grant Scheme Overview**

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 a bid to aid the **return to sport**. 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. With many sporting clubs & groups now back to training and activity across the County we are delighted to announce details of the third round of the Covid-19 Club Small Grants Scheme for 2022.

Sports clubs and groups in County Carlow can now apply for Round 3 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 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**.

#### **Assessment of Applications**

This scheme is designed to support sports clubs and groups 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 2022**. 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:**

1. Only one application can be submitted per sport club
2. Applicant club/groups must be based in Carlow
3. Funding support for the same purpose should not be sought from multiple sources, e.g. national governing body of sport, etc.
4. Funding can be retrospective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 onwards (receipts are to be submitted along with the grant application).
5. Funding applications must be submitted prior to 5pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
6. Clubs/groups should not feel that they have to apply for the full amount to be considered for support.

**Eligible Costs**

- ✓ Items or programmes that aided in your club/group/organisation's return to sport, this can include but is not limited to:
  - Insurance Costs
  - Additional Equipment
- ✓ Covid19 related costs for hygiene consumables e.g. hand sanitizer, soap, face masks, gloves, etc
- ✓ Covid 19 related infrastructure costs e.g. plexiglass screens, wall mounted dispensers, signage, etc.
- ✓ Covid19 related venue and/or equipment cleaning costs
- ✓ Increased venue hire costs
- ✓ Covid19 related training costs
- ✓ Additional registration/event management costs e.g. admin or IT costs to manage self-declarations

## Applications

1. Applications should be **signed by two organisations/clubs/groups committee members** (the chairperson and one other member).
2. 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.
3. Funding can be retrospective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 onwards **receipts are to be submitted along with the grant application.**
4. **Virtual** completed applications, including required signatures, will be accepted via a **scanned PDF** which should be sent to [euseckaite@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:euseckaite@carlowcoco.ie)
5. **Hard copies** of completed applications will also be accepted and should be sent to: Carlow Sports Partnership, Community, Housing, Recreation & Amenity Department, Carlow County Council, Athy Road, Carlow. R93E7R7

**The closing date for receipt of applications is  
5:00pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

**Applications received after this date will not be considered.**

This grant scheme is supported by **Carlow County Council** and **Sport Ireland**. For further information please contact the **Carlow Sports Partnership** office on 0599136247 or by email via [euseckaite@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:euseckaite@carlowcoco.ie)