

Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership Sports Club Grants 2019

Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership are pleased to announce that funding has been secured for the promotion of and delivery of Sports Club Development. Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership in partnership with Sport Ireland aims to help sports clubs develop a range of programmes and initiatives that will promote increased participation in sport and physical activity through these grants.

The goal of the Sports Club Grants is to improve the quality of training programmes and education as well as to increase participation in Sports Clubs. Any sports club applying for the Sports Club Grants is required to have potential for increasing participation in sport and physical activity.

Who can apply?

Sports clubs are required to be affiliated to a Sport Ireland recognized National Governing Body of Sport.

Grants will **not** be awarded to non-sporting bodies or to individuals and organisations which are not sports clubs.

Eligible Costs:

- Coach education and training courses/workshops which are accredited by Sport Ireland, Coaching Ireland, National Governing Bodies of sport or approved by a recognized body.
- Refereeing and officiating courses
- Purchasing of Equipment
- Coaching for Programme delivery (capped at €15.00 per hour)
- Roll out of new Programme(s) and/or Initiative(s) only
- Promotion for the club to help the club become more visible to the public, for example, designing a new website.
- Clubs who can provide evidence of communicating with other organisations in order to promote Programme(s) and increase participation in their club e.g.

communication with schools for School/club link or linking with disability organisations.

- Club recruitment initiatives, for example taster days.

Ineligible costs:

- Annual operational costs such as insurance, registration, affiliation fees.
- Travel costs which may be incurred by the club
- Largescale capital costs such as the refurbishing of facilities, upgrading of pitches or lighting in an area etc.
- Programmes already being run by the club
- Administration costs
- Facility costs
- Membership fees for gyms or sports clubs
- Running of competitions

Evaluation Process

Upon acceptance of the grant, the Applicant Club will be required to take part in any evaluation processes undertaken by Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership. Successful applicants will also be required to liaise with the Sports Partnership in the roll out and evaluation of the respective Programme(s) or Initiative(s).

This evaluation will aid Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership in monitoring the impact the respective grant had on increasing participation within the Applicant Sports Club.

Any sports club applying for the Sports Club Grants are required to have potential for increasing participation in sport and physical activity under the following three areas:

1. Coach Education Fund for Women

This fund focuses on developing quality coaching resources for women in Kerry and encouraging female coaches/volunteers to undertake relevant appropriate education and training in their relevant sporting field. In line with Sport Ireland's policy on Women in Sport, this fund has been established in Kerry to broaden the coaching base to include more women and to increase the number of women officiating and refereeing.

Priority will be given to:

- Clubs that demonstrate a commitment to broadening the coaching base in their club to include more women
- Club demonstrates initiatives to increase number of women officiating and refereeing from their club

2. Club Start up Fund

This fund focuses on developing and improving minority sports clubs in Kerry. It can be used to start up a new club or to further develop an already existing but struggling club.

Such minority sports identified in Kerry includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Camogie
- Gymnastics
- Judo
- Rowing

Priority will be given to:

- New clubs within the sports outlined above who have just set up and can provide proof of registration with National Governing Body
- Existing clubs within the sports outlined above but are struggling to keep the club up and running
- Clubs that can demonstrate that their sport represents a minority sport in Kerry.

3. The Club Development Fund

This fund is broken down into two themes:

A) School/Club Link

The focus of this fund is to promote initiatives which aim to increase participation opportunities for young people through a planned Programme of activities agreed between a school and club.

Priority will be given to:

- Any club in disadvantaged areas who link with the local school to provide opportunities for the young people to join their club
- Clubs that provide initiatives for both programmes during school and after school in order to engage the children in their clubs
- Clubs that demonstrate that they are specifically targeting programmes at low-participation groups and disadvantaged populations to enable them to participate in sport and physical activity.
- Demonstrated linkages between the club and schools and/or communities.

B) Disability Provision Fund

This fund focuses on facilitating clubs to increase participation opportunities for people with disabilities.

Priority will be given to:

- Clubs which provide Programme initiatives which are all inclusive allowing for people with disabilities to take part in mainstream activities
- Clubs that provide segregated programmes of activities for people for disabilities for example wheelchair users
- Clubs that have a club/disability organisation link where clubs link with disability organisations in order to roll out programmes.