

Terms and Conditions for small club grant scheme 2025

INTRODUCTION


Clare Sports Partnership has secured club development funding from Sport Ireland to support sports clubs in County Clare. This club small grant scheme aims to help clubs to support increased participation in Sports and Physical Activity and develop opportunities within our target groups –young people, women in sport, disadvantaged groups, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, and older adults.


CORE OBJECTIVES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES


The grant scheme aims to assist both new and existing not-for-profit clubs in creating structures that provide long-term development and benefits to the club. This grant could be used to support new equipment or training/education for volunteers/coaches to help them increase sustainability.


Small Club Grant Scheme 2025

Clubs can apply for funding or equipment through **one** of our four funding streams. The streams are:

 **Equipment & Training** – Receive a free equipment pack plus a dedicated training day to learn how to use it effectively. The pack will include a variety of equipment suitable for all sports and can cater for nursery programmes, schools programmes, camps and general training. We will also include a pack of sports specific equipment with each pack. There will be no follow on report needed with this option.

 **First Aid Support** – Funding available for first aid training courses and essential first aid equipment.

 **Community Programmes** – Support for running inclusive programmes targeting key groups such as women in sport, ethnic minorities, older adults, disadvantaged communities and people with disabilities.

 **Volunteer Training & Education** – Funding to upskill your club's volunteers through relevant training and development opportunities.

How do I apply?

The application process is through an online form, found on our website which must be completed before 5pm on Friday May 30th 2025.

Eligible applicants must:

1. Be an established club that provides sport and physical opportunities.

2. Clubs must be registered with a National Governing Body recognised by Sport Ireland.
3. Operate as a “not for profit” entity.
4. Have a club constitution or equivalent documentation that includes policies and practices that encourage participation regardless of gender, age, race or ability.
5. Where the club has membership under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults, the club must operate under best practice for children in sport and be able to demonstrate certification in Child Protection & Safeguarding.
6. Clubs must have suitable insurance cover in place.
7. Clubs must have a recognised bank / credit union account that clearly states the organisations name. Clare LSP never pay into a private account on behalf of an organisation.

Programme criteria

Project that will NOT get funded:

- Applications from individuals
- Capital or building Projects
- National/Regional/County Governing Bodies/Statutory agencies
- For profit groups/commercial organisations
- Private facility owners
- Applications eligible for funding under other schemes will not be considered
- Organisations based outside of County Clare
- Costs such as transport/rent/heat/insurance/ongoing coaching costs/ongoing maintenance.

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Projects that are eligible:

Only projects that align with the funding streams listed above will be considered eligible.

- Projects which increase sports participation. This can be through the use of the equipment packs or new community initiatives funding.
- The introduction of new sports projects for Clare Sports Partnership target groups through community initiatives.
- Projects which will provide for a large number of participants,
- sustainable projects,
- education/training for coaches or volunteers including first aid courses.

Focus of the programme can include 1 or more of the following target groups:

- Older Adults
- Women and Girls

- People with disabilities
- Disadvantaged communities
- Ethnic Minorities
- Young People

How much funding is available per club/organisation/project?

Maximum €750 per club / application

Evaluation Report Form

Applicants should note that successful clubs/organisations will be asked to complete and submit an evaluation report form. If this is not complete, clubs will no longer be eligible to receive support from Clare LSP.

NOTE:

Once grant decisions have been finalised each club will have 30 days to accept the offer and submit requested documentation. Failure to draw down the funds within this timeframe will result in Clare LSP redistributing the funds without dispute. Applicants should note that successful clubs/organisations must comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from Clare LSP.

Important Dates:

- Closing date for applications - 5pm Friday 30th May 2025.
- Late applications will not be considered.

It is the responsibility of the organisation to submit the documentation required in a timely manner.

- Decisions regarding funding will be ratified by the board of directors.
- Canvassing will disqualify.
- Any disputes regarding funding will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Once decisions have been made if you have a grievance, we invite your organisation to follow our complaints procedure at www.claresports.ie/policies