Sport & Physical Activity Grants Scheme

Terms & Conditions

1. Purpose of the Scheme:

The broad goal of Roscommon Sports Partnership (RSP) is to increase participation in sport and physical activity among the population of County Roscommon. As part of its programme of activity, RSP will provide some financial resources to seek to achieve these goals. The central aim in the provision of grants will be the ability of the organisation to generate a sustainable long-term return on the monies provided.

Applications must clearly demonstrate a link to the provision of a physical activity initiative in their sports club or community organisation

2a. Eligible Sectors:

A) Sports Clubs & Organisations
B) Disability Groups
C) Community/Voluntary/Ethnic Groups
D) Special Needs Projects
E) County Organisations (i.e. County Boards)

2b. Non-Eligible Sectors:

A) Private Individuals
B) Private Facility Owners
C) Statutory Agencies

3. Eligible Grant Categories:

1. **Training and Education of Volunteer**s: Including but not limited to Sports First Aid, Coaching Children, Physical Literacy, Disability Inclusion Training, Sports Specific Training. Safeguarding and other courses that are within the policies of RSP and Sport Ireland are not eligible for funding.

   Training / Coaching courses must include quotation of costings.

2. **Activity Programmes / Projects***:* that address certain criteria including increasing participation, introducing new skills *and* the provision of a wide range of activities. Open Day/Come & Try initiatives, social leagues or tournaments can be considered as part of a sustainable programme to increase

membership/ return of members to physical activity. The central focus of the programme must be on sport/physical activity.

3. **Sports/Activity Equipment:** This is limited to the purchase of small-scale sports equipment. Capital equipment is not eligible (capital equipment is deemed as equipment with more than 5-year lifespan. The application for equipment must include a quotation from a recognised supplier.

Other non-eligible criteria:

- Capital costs or major items of equipment.
- Administration costs such as transport, insurance and miscellaneous operational expenses.
- Employment costs
- Club and community affiliation fees and travel costs
- Costs such as entertainment or prizes
- Legal fees
- CCTV equipment
- Project management/consultancy fees
- Purchase of lands or buildings
- Feasibility studies
- Private or commercial operations

4. **General Guidelines:**

1. All applications will be evaluated by RSP to ensure eligibility. In some cases, additional information may be required by the evaluation team to complete the evaluation process. This will be conducted by email or phone depending on the nature of the query.
2. Priority will be given to applications that have identified programmes that are consistent with the programmes as outlined by the Strategic Plan of RSP. Applications should clearly state strategic objective, proposed action, and prior consultation with the Sports Co-ordinator is desirable.
3. The applicant is required to have a bank account in the name of the applying club/group/organisation. In exceptional circumstances, a successful applicant who does not have a bank/credit union account in the club/group/organisation's name, Roscommon LSP may purchase the equipment on your behalf, subject to approval.
4. There must be evidence of how you propose to increase participation in sport/physical activity.

5. Applicants are expected to contribute a minimum of 50% towards the overall cost of the project in either monetary our benefit in kind contributions.

6. Written evidence of a valid insurance policy may be requested by RSP where relevant.

7. Any organisation applying that is registered for tax purposes must be tax compliant. Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference number must be submitted for verification purposes. Please note: The applying organisation does not have to be registered for tax purposes.

8. Successful applicants will be required to have clear evidence that they have proper child protection procedures in place within their club/group/organisation. (e.g., Children's Officer, Rules and Procedures etc.) Funding will not be given until these are in place. Proof of relevant documents/policies may be requested by RSP where relevant e.g. club constitution, safeguarding policy, health & safety policy etc. Please contact the Sports Partnership office for further information on Safeguarding Courses.