

Minister Griffin announces a further Dormant Accounts funding for Sport and Physical Activity Measures

Breakdown of Additional Dormant Accounts Funding – National Physical Activity Plan 2017 Sports Measures:

Community Sport and Physical Activity Hubs

Dormant Accounts Funding will be allocated to establish and develop four new CSPAHs, in addition to the nine new and thirteen existing hubs which were allocated funding earlier in 2017.

The objective of the CSPAHs is to bring local people together and provide a home for local clubs and sports organisations.

The Hubs provide information, support and advice on a wide range of sports and physical activities to make it easier for people in disadvantaged areas to get involved in and engage in a more active and healthier lifestyle.

Applications to establish and develop CSPAHs were sought from Local Sports Partnerships in a competitive bid process under three theme areas: Community Setting, Schools Based Setting and an Outdoor Setting.

| Local Sports Partnership - CSPAH Location | Funding |
|--|----------------|
| Cork - <i>Various Locations</i> | €63,000 |
| Cavan - <i>Kilnaleck</i> | €53,180 |
| Kildare - <i>Athy</i> | €63,000 |
| South Dublin - <i>Brookfield, West Tallaght</i> | €56,000 |

Youth Leadership

This programme is designed to develop generic leadership skills that can be applied to a variety of sports and/or recreational situations as well as contributing to the personal development of the learner. It is rolled out by Local Sports Partnerships to teenagers in Transition Year of secondary school or in a community setting.

| Local Sports Partnership | Funding |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Cavan | €2,500 |
| Cork | €10,000 |
| Donegal | €5,000 |
| Dublin City | €5,000 |
| Laois | €2,500 |
| Leitrim | €10,000 |
| Mayo | €5,000 |
| Meath | €12,500 |
| Offaly | € 20,000 |
| South Dublin | €15,000 |
| Wexford | €2,500 |

Dublin North East Inner City Project

This is the second year of the Dublin North East Inner City RAPID Community Sports Project. The Dublin North East Inner City Community Sports Project 2017 focuses on the provision of a range of training programmes and supporting participation initiatives in conjunction with National Governing Bodies, sports clubs and local organisations that want to work together to improve the sport offered to young people in Dublin North East Inner City RAPID area. This project will be delivered through Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership, based within Dublin City Council.

| Title | Allocation |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dublin North East Inner City Project | €100,000 |

Urban Outdoor Adventure Initiatives

Outdoor recreation programmes have been developed and run in disadvantaged communities, for at-risk youth groups, disadvantaged school groups and people with disability in many countries with success. There is now a growing body of evidence to suggest that outdoor adventure programme where participants interact with nature and experience new outdoor adventure sports are successful in developing confidence and skills among participants and also help young people to manage risk and encourages them to welcome challenge.

Applications were invited from Local Sports Partnerships, in a competitive bid process, for urban outdoor adventure initiatives in their respective counties.

| Local Sports Partnership | Funding |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Carlow | €47,000 |
| Donegal | €47,000 |
| Kilkenny | €47,000 |
| Laois | €47,000 |
| Leitrim | €21,800 |
| Longford | €33,335 |
| Meath | €47,000 |
| Sligo | €47,000 |
| Tipperary | €47,000 |
| Waterford | €35,050 |
| Wexford | €44,950 |

Special Olympics Ireland Support Programme

The 2018 Special Olympics Ireland Games will take place in Dublin from Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th June 2018, the first time the Ireland Games have returned to Dublin in 16 years. In conjunction with the Games, Special Olympics Ireland will develop and deliver a multi strand support programme. This includes both participation and showcase events along with the development of a comprehensive health and wellbeing programme. A grassroots Volunteer programme will also be developed on the lead up to the event.

| Title | Grantee | Allocation |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Special Olympics Ireland support programme | Special Olympics Ireland | €150,000 |

Empowering Women in Sport

Under this strand research into the needs of young women in sport with a specific focus on the role of female leadership in empowering women to stay active and involved in sport will be carried out by Sport Ireland in 2017. The project has been developed in partnership with the Olympic Council of Ireland.

Sport Ireland will facilitate research into the sector to assess the current landscape of female leaders and influencers in Ireland. From this research, and based on the potential gaps identified, a Leadership and Influencer Programme will be developed. This programme will centre on maximising the potential of females operating within the sector.

| Title | Allocation |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Empowering Women in Sport | €25,000 |

Research Programme on the Application of Behavioural Science to Sport and Physical Activity in Disadvantaged Communities

National Physical Activity Plan Action 50 aims to ‘Establish a systematic, regular and long-term national surveillance system to monitor physical activity levels in each of the target groups’, to this end Sport Ireland will invite tenders for the delivery of a two phase piece of behavioural science research and implementation.

| Title | Allocation |
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| Research Programme on the Application of Behavioural Science to Sport and Physical Activity in Disadvantaged Communities | €150,000 |

Watersport Inclusion Games

Building on the success of the inaugural Games that was held in Dun Laoghaire in June 2017 Irish Sailing will deliver a second Watersport Inclusion Games in 2018. This project proposes to develop a range of supporting participation, coaching and education, programmes throughout 2018 with the final 2 day flagship event being held in Galway City in August.

| Title | Grantee | Allocation |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Sailing Watersport Inclusion Games | Sailing Ireland | €50,000 |

Active Places, Better Spaces

Limerick Local Sports Partnership will work in the area of Garryowen, within Limerick City, a large urban housing estate area with a population of over 3,300 people. This programme will focus on building on the investment to date in Limerick through the support of Dormant Accounts Funding including the Community Sports and Physical Activity Hub and Community Coaching programmes, Rowing Ireland and Beat the Street.

This programme, to be known locally as 'Get Garryowen Active', aims to develop both indoor and outdoor recreational areas to provide a wide range of physical activity and educational opportunities to children, youths, older adults and families. It will also seek to advance the social and personal development of local residents

| Initiative | Grantee | Allocation Current | Allocation Capital |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Active Spaces Better Places | Limerick LSP | €100,000 | €45,000 |

Programmes to address transitions and drop out from physical activity and sport

DCU – YPATH

Y-PATH aims to improve physical activity levels of first year post-primary youths. Findings show that the programme has been successful in targeting youth at the critical transition from primary to second level education, and alleviate the well documented age-related dropout from physical activity and sport.

This phase of the project will see the development an innovative App for the Y-PATH programme to meet teachers' and students' needs. The ultimate goal will be to disseminate these resources to all DEIS schools nationally and this body of work will be completed beyond the term of this Dormant Accounts funding ensuring the long term legacy and impact of the programme.

UCC – Project FLAME

Project FLAME examines the fundamental and functional movement competencies in post-primary Irish adolescent youth at Junior Certificate level. To date, Project FLAME findings have observed that levels of fundamental and functional movement skill proficiency among adolescents were low, with significant gender differences. Findings also demonstrated that movement patterns and skills significantly declined as adolescents became older.

Through this Dormant Accounts Fund, UCC will evaluate the potential and effectiveness of this movement programme in the post-primary setting in 2018. All DEIS post-primary schools in Cork will be offered training on the implementation of the Project FLAME resources, following the completion of this pilot trial in May 2018.

| Initiative | Grantee | Allocation |
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| Youth Physical Activity Towards Health (YPATH) programme | DCU | € 50,000 |
| Project FLAME | UCC | € 25,000 |

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2. the educational development of persons who are educationally disadvantaged or
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