

## Minister Griffin Announces €2.9m Boost for Sport and Physical Activity Initiatives

### Notes for the Editor

#### Community Sport and Physical Activity Hubs (CSPAH):

Dormant Accounts Funding will be allocated to establish and develop nine new CSPAHs in 2017. Funding will also be allocated to help further develop thirteen existing CSPAHs which were developed through Dormant Accounts Funding in 2015 and 2016.

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.

<b>New CSPAHs:</b> <b>Local Sports Partnership SPAH Location</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Donegal - Bluestack	€70,333
Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown - Ballyogan	€70,333
Fingal - Balbriggan	€70,333
Galway - Doughiska	€70,333
Kerry - Caherciveen	€70,333
Longford - Edgeworthstown	€70,333
Mayo - Ballinrobe	€70,333
Meath - Navan	€70,333
Sligo - Bunninadden	€69,703
<b>Total</b>	<b>€632,367</b>

<b>Existing CSPAHs:</b> <b>Local Sports Partnership SPAH Location</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Clare - Clarisford Park	€35,000
Cork - West Cork Islands	€35,000
Donegal - Maghery	€35,000
Kilkenny - Kilkenny City & Ferrybank	€36,000
Laois - Stradbally, Vickerstown & Timahoe	€36,000
Louth - Muirhevnamor, Dundalk	€36,000
Limerick - Croom	€35,000

Mayo - Ballyhaunis	€35,000
Offaly - Crinkle	€36,000
Sligo - Cranmore	€35,000
South Dublin - Collinstown	€35,000
Tipperary - Clonmel	€35,000
Waterford - Carrickphierish	€35,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€459,000</b>

### Community Coaching

The objective of Community Coaching is to develop coaching skills that provide jobseekers with improved opportunities to avail of job and volunteer opportunities in the sport sector.

This programme is focused on successfully assisting unemployed people to gain employment, coaching, volunteering and further education opportunities in the sports sector as coaches, referees, physical activity leaders etc. It provides the participants with practical and theoretical sport-related skills and helps them find relevant work experience in their local community. It also contributes to the promotion of both physical and mental health amongst participants and in the community through the subsequent employment and/or volunteering work carried out by participants.

<b>Local Sports Partnership</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Cavan Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Cork Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Donegal Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Kerry Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Kildare Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Laois Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Limerick Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Longford Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Mayo Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Meath Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Offaly Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Roscommon Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
South Dublin Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Wexford Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
Wicklow Local Sports Partnership	€13,333
<b>Total</b>	<b>€199,995</b>

### 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

<b>Local Sports Partnership</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Carlow Local Sports Partnership	€5,000

Cavan Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Cork Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Donegal Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
DLR Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Dublin City Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Fingal Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Galway Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Kildare Local Sports Partnership	€5,000
Laois Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Leitrim Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Limerick Local Sports Partnership	€5,000
Longford Local Sports Partnership	€2,500
Louth Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Mayo Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Meath Local Sports Partnership	€12,500
Monaghan Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Offaly Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Roscommon Local Sports Partnership	€5,000
South Dublin Local Sports Partnership	€12,500
Tipperary Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
Waterford Local Sports Partnership	€5,000
Wexford Local Sports Partnership	€10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€202,500</b>

### **Sport Ireland & Cara Centre Initiatives**

Funding will also go towards programmes delivered by Sport Ireland and the Cara Centre, including Train the Trainers - Consulting with Young People

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Train the Trainers - Consulting with Young People	€80,000
Coaching Children - Adolescents	€25,000
Coaching Children - Physical Literacy Module	€29,000
Aspire Programme	€200,000
CARA Centre	€180,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€514,000</b>

### **Get Ireland Running, Cycling and Swimming**

Dormant Accounts Funding will be allocated to support the National Physical Activity Plan for disadvantaged communities through the development of new Get Ireland Running, Get Ireland Cycling and Get Ireland Swimming initiatives. Applications were invited from Athletics Ireland, Cycling Ireland and Swim Ireland for funding under these initiatives.

***Get Ireland Running:***

Athletics Ireland will expand a number of the Get Ireland Running Programmes which were previously funded under Dormant Accounts in 2016. The programmes propose to target approximately 50,000 participants in hard to reach communities.

These initiative include:

- Fit4Class National Schools Programme
- IRunForFun Secondary Schools Programme
- RAPID Community Based Initiatives

***Get Ireland Cycling:***

Cycling Ireland, working in collaboration with their clubs, partners and communities will co-ordinate and deliver opportunities, across a suite of programme offerings, to people in socially, economically and educationally disadvantaged areas. The Get Ireland Cycling Programme will focus primarily on delivering both the Balance Bike and Sprocket Rocket Programmes.

***Get Ireland Swimming:***

Swim Ireland will roll out projects under the overall 'Get Ireland Swimming' banner in support of the National Physical Activity Plan and the Swim Ireland mission which is 'to encourage participation, develop excellence and regulate the sport'.

Expansion of the Get Ireland Swimming programme 2017/2018 will see the continued delivery of community based aquatics programmes in conjunction with Dublin City Council (DCC) while also launching the programme in a number of other counties. Swim Ireland will also provide support in the development an aquatic element to the GAISCE Awards in identified deprived areas.

Initiative	Funding
Get Ireland Cycling	€100,000
Get Ireland Running	€107,500
Get Ireland Swimming	€107,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>€315,000</b>

***Get Ireland Walking***

Sport Ireland developed the Get Ireland Walking initiative, in collaboration with a number of national partner organisations in 2013 and coordinates the program with Mountaineering Ireland with financial support from the Department of Health.

The programme seeks to grow the culture of walking in Ireland and support the establishment of community walking groups throughout the country. A number of new walking initiatives will be developed with a particular focus on the personal and social development of persons who or economically and socially disadvantaged; these include Men's Shed Walking Initiative, School Walking Initiative and Woodlands for Health initiative.

Initiative	Funding
Get Ireland Walking	€125,000

**National Physical Activity Plan Initiatives supported through National Governing Bodies for Sport**  
 Sport Ireland invited applications from NGBs for funding under the Dormant Account Fund to support actions in the National Physical Activity Plan for implementing programmes to promote physical activity & Develop Programmes to address transitions and drop out from physical activity

Initiative	Funding
Irish Rugby Football Union Spirit of Rugby Disability Programme	€35,000
Rowing Ireland Get Going, Get Rowing	€35,000
Special Olympics Programme of play and sport activity for children with intellectual disabilities from 4 - 7 years	€35,000
Irish Orienteering Association Ready to Go Orienteering	€30,000
Tennis Ireland Enjoy Tennis Phase 2	€30,000
Triathlon Ireland Get Men Moving	€30,000
Vision Sports Ireland Coach Education Development Plan	€30,000
Gymnastics Ireland GymABLE - Disability Gymnastics Club inclusion phase 2	€25,000
Hockey Ireland Tricks4Sticks and Young Leader Programme	€25,000
Horse Sport Ireland Riding for the Disabled Ireland (RDAI)	€25,000
Badminton Ireland Shuttle Time programme	€20,000
Basketball Ireland Urban Hoops	€20,000
Football Association of Ireland Kick Start 2 Recovery Programme	€20,000
Gaelic Athletic Association Nationwide GAA Fun & Run Programme	€20,000
Irish Martial Arts Commission Spectrum	€20,000
Mountaineering Ireland Indoor Climbing Programme	€20,000
Ból Chumann na hEireann Road Bowling ScoreBowls Skittles	€16,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	€16,000

Boxing Bodies - Healthy Lifestyle Programme	
Ladies Gaelic Football Association Gaelic4Teens	€16,000
Table Tennis Ireland Club Development Programme	€16,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€484,000</b>

### **Dormant Accounts Funding**

The Dormant Accounts Act 2001 together with the Unclaimed Life Assurance Policies Act 2003 and the Dormant Accounts (Amendment) Acts 2005-2012 provide a framework for the administration of unclaimed accounts in credit institutions (i.e. banks, building societies and An Post) and unclaimed life assurance policies in insurance undertakings.

Dormant funds/unclaimed life assurance policies, which have not been reclaimed by the original account/policy holder or their beneficiaries, are transferred each year by the financial institution/insurance undertaking to the Dormant Accounts Fund which is managed by the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA).

The legislation provides for a scheme for the disbursement of funds that are unlikely to be reclaimed. In each year monies may be disbursed in accordance with Part 6 of the 2012 Act, from the Account, but only for the purposes of programmes or projects to assist:

- i. the personal and social development of persons who are economically or socially disadvantaged;
- ii. the educational development of persons who are educationally disadvantaged or
- iii. persons with a disability (within the meaning of the Equal Status Act 2000)

The Dormant Accounts Fund is the responsibility of the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.