



Criteria, Terms & Conditions for Covid19 “resumption of sporting activity” fund

Objectives of the scheme

The “*resumption of sporting activity*” fund will be made available to support the return to sport and physical activity post pandemic; and is designed to support community groups and clubs providing sporting and physical activity opportunities locally

However, this is a restricted funding scheme which is **not eligible** to the following: -

- individuals
- national / regional / county governing structures
- affiliates of a governing body of sport approved by Sport Ireland for Covid support funding in December 2021 to provide direct support to their affiliates
- statutory agencies
- for profit groups / commercial organisations / private facility owners

Clubs / Organisations **that can apply** must be: -

- based in Offaly
- committed to resuming sporting activity by mid-year 2022
- operate as not for profit groups; open for public membership
- continues to retain a voluntary committee

Eligible organisations may include: -

- affiliates of governing bodies of sport not supported by Sport Ireland with funding for the operation of a return to sport grant scheme for their affiliates
- clubs / organisation that cater for special interest groups whose core activity is sport related
- community centres and similar organisations are included with this categorisation subject to them operating as not for profit

In relation to sports clubs, the table below sets out those that can and cannot apply to Offaly Sports Partnership under this scheme

Cannot apply (must contact their governing body)	Can apply to Offaly Sports Partnership
American Football Ireland	Angling Council of Ireland
Athletics Ireland	Badminton Ireland
Basketball Ireland	Irish Wheelchair Association Sport
Camogie Association	Motor Cycling Ireland
Canoeing Ireland	National Coarse Fishing Federation
Football Association of Ireland	National Community Games
Gaelic Athletic Association	Pitch & Putt Ireland
Golf Ireland	Snooker & Billiards Ireland
Hockey Ireland	Table Tennis Ireland
Horse Sport Ireland	Tennis Ireland
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	Trout Anglers Association of Ireland
Irish Judo Association	Tug of War Ireland
Irish Martial Arts Commission	Volleyball Ireland
Irish Rugby Football Union	
Irish Squash	
Irish Taekwondo Union	
Irish Underwater Council / Diving Ireland	
Ladies Gaelic Football Association	
Motor Sport Ireland	
ONAKAI	
Rowing Ireland	
Swim Ireland	
Triathlon Ireland	
Weightlifting Ireland	

Level of grants

- the maximum level of grant assistance per successful application will be €1,500
- the grant can be put toward costs associated with resumption of sporting activity including purchase of non-personal training equipment, return to sport programmes, programmes reaching target groups of Offaly Sports Partnership, promotion and marketing costs, some essential running costs including insurance and affiliation, Covid consumables, volunteer supports, etc.

For the purposes of this funding strand target groups include older adults, people with a disability, people of an ethnic minority background including Travellers, people experiencing rural or urban disadvantage, the unemployed / under employed, women and girls, and youth at risk

Please note, based on the volume of applications, it may not be possible to fund every organisation. Prioritisation of applications is indicated at assessment process below

Terms & Conditions

- clubs / organisations must be committed to resuming sporting activity by June 2022 in accordance with the Government's "*Covid19 Resilience & Recovery 2021, the path ahead*" guidance document
- a tax or charity number is required for all grant applications. You do not need a tax / charity number to apply, but you will need a tax number should your application be successful. Contact Offaly PPN for assistance in applying for a tax clearance number and tax clearance certification
- clubs / organisations must have a bank or credit union account in the club / organisation's name; and should ensure that they have appropriate insurance in place to allow for the delivery of all their activities
- clubs / organisations should have appropriate governance documentation (constitution, memorandum and articles of association or similar) in place
- clubs / organisations should have policies, practices and procedures in place that encourage participation regardless of ability, age, family / marital status, gender, ethnic background, sexual orientation or membership of the Traveller community
- where the club has membership under the age of 18, the club must operate in accordance with best practice for children in sport; and be able to demonstrate certification in Safeguarding (child protection)
- successful applicants will be permitted to initially draw down 80% of their allocation. To draw down the outstanding 20% of their allocation, successful applicants will be asked to submit a brief report on how the funding was spent; along with proof of expenditure in the form of receipts and bank statements. This report can be submitted following a 60% spend of the initial 80% allocation.

Compliance with reporting on how funding was spent; and evidence of same must be adhered to if and when requested, in order to be eligible for future grant aid from Offaly Sports Partnership and / or Offaly County Council

(please note if your club / organisation receives funding from Offaly Sports Partnership and you do not provide proof of expenditure on funding received; this will be notified within Offaly County Council and your club / organisation may be ineligible for future support from Council managed grant schemes)

- successful applicants should note that they must comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from Offaly Sports Partnership

Application

The application will consist of the following sections: -

1. club details
2. funding request breakdown
3. declaration

Applications should be completed in full online by Wednesday, 20th April. Late applications will not be accepted

If your club/ organisation is having difficulties completing the form online, please contact clubdevelopmentgrants@offalycoco.ie to discuss same

Assessment process

- after the closing date of Wednesday, 20th April, Offaly Sports Partnership will prioritise eligible applications received
- all eligible applications shall be assessed by a committee on the information supplied in the application form; and any supporting documentation enclosed
- the assessment committee may choose to obtain clarifications on individual applications
- it may not be possible to provide support to every applicant, nor to provide the maximum level of grant aid. The assessment committee will assign weightings to applications based on the following criteria: -
 - i. clubs / organisations that did not receive Covid19 return to sport supports from Offaly Sports Partnership in 2020 and / or 2021 will receive a higher weighting than those that did
 - ii. clubs / organisations deemed to have a higher impact on the number of people returning to sport will receive a higher weighting than those catering for very limited numbers
 - iii. clubs / organisations **demonstrating credible evidence** of catering for two or more target groups of Offaly Sports Partnership will receive a higher weighting than those not catering for these groups
(target groups of Offaly Sports Partnership include older adults, people with a disability, people of an ethnic minority background including Travellers, people experiencing rural disadvantage and rural isolation, the unemployed, women and teenage girls, and youth at risk)

Following the assessment process, recommendations for funding will be submitted to the management committee of Offaly Sports Partnership for review and approval

Further information

For further information on the scheme, please contact clubdevelopmentgrants@offalycoco.ie