

GRANT CRITERIA

Meath Local Sports Partnership's remit is to promote participation in sports and physical activity. This grant is designed to support Inclusive clubs, community & voluntary organisations & disability groups **to increase people with a disability participation in sport and physical activity.**

Maximum **€1,500** per club / application – broken into 2 strands €1,000 Participation, €500 equipment – Note Applicants may apply for one or both strands.

WHO CAN APPLY? – To be eligible Inclusive sports clubs, community groups or sporting organisations must:

1. Sports Clubs must be registered to an NGB & based in Meath.
2. Operate as a “not for profit”.
3. Have a club constitution or equivalent documentation that includes policies and practices that encourage participation regardless of gender, age, race or ability.
4. Where the club has membership under the age of 18, the club must operate under best practice for children in sport and be able to demonstrate certification in Child Protection & safeguarding.
5. Clubs/groups must have suitable insurance cover in place.
6. Applicant group/ club must have a bank account in the club/ group/ organisations name.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. Demonstrate how a successful application would increase **inclusive participation** in sport and physical activity.
2. Programme must be delivered over a minimum period of 6 weeks and can be a series of ‘Come & Try’ days.
3. Programme must demonstrate additionality either in terms of new participants, new activity or working with a new inclusive group
4. Outline how the programme provides a participation pathway into the club
5. Equipment must be designated specifically for use by persons with a disability

WHO CAN NOT APPLY?

- Applications from individuals
- 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 e.g. Go for Life, Sports Capital etc
- Clubs/ organisations based outside of County Meath
- Clubs not affiliated with an NGB

WHAT WE WILL NOT FUND

- Costs such as entertainment
- Initiatives which are being used as fundraisers
- Capital equipment e.g. Lawnmowers etc

Examples of programmes:

Developing inclusive sections of clubs: The club, partners with local disability organisation or voluntary group to run sessions for people with additional needs. With continued participation and interest, this progresses to establishment of an inclusive section of the club e.g. All stars, football for all etc.

NOTE:

- We will not accept applications for events/programmes that have already taken place.
- In deciding the final allocations of funding to projects, Meath LSP may take account of several factors including geographical balance and the desirability to fund a variety of different projects and the relative disadvantage of the area where the facility is located (or will serve).
- The right is reserved to reassign the funds offered to another approved project if all requirements are not met within a reasonable period.
- Meath LSP reserve the right to carry out an audit of expenditure on all funded event/programmes.

Application Process:

- The Application Form must be completed in full and for Hard Copy Forms to be signed by the Club Chairperson and Treasurer. For online application forms, declaration must be completed by an officer holder of the club.
 - The form must be legible and provide clear information with detailed costs breakdown.
 - Application Forms must be returned with the supporting information available if requested e.g. Constitution / Club Rules and Copy of most recent accounts (3 months).
 - Applications must be submitted by the deadline – **Thursday 23rd October at 4pm**
 - Meath Local Sports Partnership Grant Sub Committee aim to review all applications within 1-3 weeks of the closing date of the Grant Scheme and all applicants will be notified of the decision of the committee.
 - If successful, notification of grant award will be sent to person named in the application form and recipient will have to comply with grant drawdown process
 - Successful applicants must recognise the support of Meath Local Sports Partnership and comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity surrounding their project
 - All successful Equipment grant claims must be completed in the calendar year – **Deadline for submission of receipts for Equipment Grant is Friday 21st November**.
 - **Deadline for submission of report on inclusion programme is Friday 28th February** Reports received after this date will not be processed.
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- Offers of funding may be for a lesser amount than that sought by the applicant. Applicants should be aware that the programme may be oversubscribed. Therefore, in such circumstances, all applications fulfilling the conditions may not be successful or may be for a lesser amount.

Meath LSP Club Grant committee decision is final

Closing Date: Thursday 23rd October at 4pm