

Criteria for Small Equipment Grant 2026

GRANT CRITERIA

Meath Local Sports Partnership's remit is to promote participation in sport and physical activity by supporting clubs, volunteers and community groups to provide opportunities for people to be more active within their club/community environment.

This equipment grant scheme is designed to provide funding support to successful clubs or community group for the **purchase of small scale non-personal equipment to a maximum of €500.**

***Clubs are also advised to check out our Disability Inclusion Grant & Women in Sport Grant**

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

1. Sports Clubs & Organisations based in County Meath and affiliated to a Sport Ireland recognised NGB or disability organisation.
2. Community Groups should be based in Meath & affiliated to a national organisation
3. Operate as a not for profit group and be open for public membership.
4. Have a club constitution or equivalent documentation that includes policies and practices that encourage participation regardless of gender, age, race or ability.
5. Where the club has membership under the age of 18, the club must operate under best practice for children in sport and demonstrate certification in child protection & child safeguarding.
6. Have adequate insurance in place covering the activities for which funding is to be used.
7. Where applicable, sports clubs or community groups that received previous funding from Meath Local Sports Partnership, must have fully drawn down all funds to be considered for new funding.
8. Applicant group/ club must have a bank account in the club/ group/ organisations name.
9. GAA/Rugby/Soccer clubs with juvenile section

WHO CAN NOT APPLY?

- Individuals, Schools, Capital Projects, County Boards & Leagues.
- Projects that are funded by another source.
- Commercial Organisations, for profit groups.
- County / Regional / National Organisations or Statutory Agencies.
- Youth Clubs, Scouts & Girl Guides.
- Clubs/ organisations based outside of County Meath
- GAA/Rugby/Soccer adult clubs

WHAT WE WILL NOT FUND:

- Ongoing running costs of clubs – hall hire, prizes, transport, coaching fees relating to normal club activities, registration/affiliation fees, insurance, general administration costs, legal fees.
- Medical kit bags, defibrillator etc
- Programme/event targeting existing members
- Payment of Debt or Loans
- Local Sports Partnership Courses – these are already subsidised.
- Sports Clothing – e.g. individual clothing, tracksuits etc
- Capital Costs, Project Management Fees, feasibility studies.
- Courses outside of Ireland or uncertified courses.
- Programmes/events previously applied for or funded through Meath LSP

NOTE:

- We will not accept applications for equipment already purchased.
- 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.
- 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.

Application Process:

- The Application Form must be completed in full, with the declaration completed by the club chairperson or treasurer.
- If requested, supporting information as per application form must be made available
- Applications must be submitted by the deadline – **Thursday 27th August at 4pm**
- Meath Local Sports Partnership Grant Sub Committee will 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 claims must be drawn down by the 27th November 2026.

Meath LSP Club Grant committee decision is final

Application closing Date: Thursday 27th August @4pm