

Waterford Sports Partnership West Waterford Club Development Grant 2024 CRITERIA



One of the aims of Waterford Sports Partnership (WSP) is to support sports club volunteers and the development of opportunities for people to participate in organised sport and physical activity. The WSP West Waterford Club Development Grant aims to support initiatives that will lead to an increase in participation levels in sports clubs based in the West Waterford area (Cappoquin Lismore, Villierstown). Priority for funding will be given to minority sports clubs, and/or for initiatives targeting low participation groups and the **target groups identified in the WSP Strategic Plan 2018-2022**. Sports clubs that also commit to signing the Active Disability Ireland Sports Inclusion Disability Charter and display an interest in attending WSP training opportunities will be prioritised. **The closing date for applications is 5pm on Monday 14th October 2024.**

GRANT GUIDELINES

- Applications **must** describe how funding will lead to an increase in participation levels in their sports club.
- The maximum grant available is up to €1000.

Who can apply?

All new and existing sports clubs based in the West Waterford area (Cappoquin, Lismore, Villierstown).

Who can't apply?

Individuals, Community Facilities, Community Groups/ Organisations, National/ Regional/ County Bodies/ Statutory agencies
Commercial Organisations, For profit groups, Private facility owners.

To be eligible sports clubs must:

- ⇒ Be affiliated with either a Sport Ireland recognised National Governing Body (NGB) or relevant Governing Body, or disability organisation at the time of applying (*proof must be provided by new clubs & may be requested from existing clubs*).
- ⇒ Operate as a not for profit group and be open for new public membership.
- ⇒ Have adequate insurance in place, policies and practices that encourage participation regardless of gender, age, race, or ability.
- ⇒ Where applicable, sports clubs that received previous funding from Waterford Sports Partnership must have fully drawn down all funds to be considered for new funding.

ELIGIBLE FUNDING COSTS

Sports Clubs can only apply for one funding category

- Sports Equipment - (bibs, balls, etc.)
- NGB, Sport Ireland or relevant Coaching Education Courses for Club Volunteers. (Coaching Courses, Referee, etc.)
- Physical Activity Initiatives to increase participation of an existing or new branch of the club—**Examples:**
 - Equipment (balls, bibs, coaching costs) for an 8-week 'Come & Try It' Programme in a Soccer Club to try and set up a soccer for all club
 - Equipment (rods/bait) and funding for a coach for a 6 week women's programme to try fishing

INELIGIBLE FUNDING COSTS

- Annual Club Operational/ Maintenance Costs
- Insurance Fees
- Registration Fees
- Hospitality Costs (Bars/Restaurants)
- Capital Costs
- Team Clothing i.e. club jerseys

Clubs applying for a grant must:

- ⇒ New clubs must provide written confirmation of their registration with their National or relevant Governing Body or Disability organisations.
- ⇒ Confirm that all safeguarding and garda vetting measures are in place and provide WSP with your club's safeguarding statement.
- ⇒ Provide club's PPN number (Waterford Public Participation Network) - <https://www.waterfordppn.ie/registration-form/>

PLEASE NOTE:

- ⇒ Applicants should note that successful clubs/organisations must comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from Waterford Sports Partnership.
- ⇒ All sports clubs funded under this scheme will be asked to submit a report to Waterford Sports Partnership and will be asked to supply documentary evidence of how the funds were spent.
- ⇒ If successful, 50% of the approved funding will be transferred to club bank account upon receipt of all documents requested. The final 50% of the approved funding will be transferred to club bank account upon receipt of all invoices/receipts.
- ⇒ Approved funding does not cover expenses incurred prior to the date the sports club receives notice of funding approval.

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