**2020 Sport Capital Programme**

The Sports Capital Programme (SCP) is operated by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and provides grants to assist in the development or refurbishment of sports facilities and the provision of sports equipment

**The deadline for completed applications is March 1st, 2021.**

**The allocation of funding is by electoral area, so it is vitally important that you engage with your local government minister and get their support for your Club project.**

**Limits:**

* €150,000 for capital projects
* €30,000 for equipment. An application for equipment of over €50,000 will only be considered in exceptional circumstances (i.e., to NGBs)

**Register:**

* Go to [www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie](http://www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie)
* The club must be registered on Oscar. If the club registered for previous rounds, just log in.

**All Applications:**

* The system will guide you through the process and you can save your work and come back to it later. The entire application does not need to be done in one sitting.
* The aim is to attain the highest score possible

**Project Title:**

* Identify the project

**Summary:**

* 800 words max, including spaces and punctuation

It is key to include how the project will increase participation (female/inclusivity/disadvantaged) or improve performance. This is a creative writing piece.

***Address* –** location of the facility or where the equipment will be used. Include an Eircode.

***Location*** – Click the exact location on the map or enter the longitude and latitude. Please be accurate as scoring for disadvantaged status will be primarily based on this location.

***Details of project and breakdown of costs*** – all projects must be accessible to people with disabilities

**If the project is for equipment only, you will not need to provide supporting documentation on planning permission or title**

***Quotes* –** at least one professionally prepared quote must be uploaded. For equipment this can be an extract from a catalogue

***Membership* –** numbers and fees

***Site Management*** – pitches and dressing rooms etc

***Usage* –** current and future

***Evidence of own funding*** – minimum 5% required, maximum 38% depending on the level of disadvantage

**Applications for Sports Equipment only:**

Groups only applying for sports equipment do not need to fill in all the application form. Instead, the system will guide you to the pages you need to fill in. The only supporting documents that you must supply are a bank statement or loan offer showing that you have a minimum of 5% of the total project cost in savings and a quotation(s) for the works being applied for.

* **Assessment:**

The assessment criteria are not released until after the closing date, however in the last round, higher marks were awarded for:

* **Level of socio-economic disadvantage**
* **Sharing of facilities –** licence agreements increase marks
* **Technical merits of the project**

Detailed quotations.

Breakdown of elements.

Planning permission in place or evidence it is not required (for capital projects only).

* **Likelihood of increasing participation**

Level of fees.

Overall impact.

The higher the level of own funding the better

Bank statements or loan offer are mandatory

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| **Sports Capital WILL fund:** | **Sports Capital WILL NOT fund:** |
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| Natural and Artificial pitches/multi-use games areas | Running or Operational costs  |
| LED Floodlighting | Non-LED Floodlighting |
| Security fencing, CCTV and essential pitch-side fencing | Viewing stands, Car parks, roads, landscaping or playgrounds  |
| Building or refurbishment of dressing rooms, showers, toilets, sports halls, gyms or fitness studios | Bars, kitchens, sleeping accommodation, offices or other parts of a project that have little or no sporting content |
| Walking/Jogging tracks | Projects (or elements of projects) where work has already commenced |
| Non‐personal sports equipment. At least 5 years’ life-span- kept in club e.g., Scrum Machines, Lawn-mowers, defibrillators | The repayment of loans |
| Portable storage containers/sheds up to 25 m2 are considered equipment larger modular buildings that require planning permission and/or foundations are considered capital works and require proof of title | The purchase of land or buildings |
| Any other capital projects that are clearly sporting in nature and that will increase participation in sport or improve performance | Items that could be considered to relate more to leisure rather than sporting pursuits |
| Covid-19 related works or equipment deemed essential to allow facilities to continue in use | Routine maintenance (including the resurfacing of artificial pitches funded by the SCP in the last 10 years) |
| Modifications to sports facilities to a) improve access for people with disabilities or b) reduce energy consumption |  |

**Note: anything set in the ground (such as goal posts) is not considered equipment**

In the case of an equipment application, it must be for sports equipment that would realistically be expected to remain in the club’s ownership. Equipment cannot include consumables (ice packs, bandages) and must be of a nature that will last 5 years. Applications for personal equipment alone, such as sports gloves, shoes/boots or personal protective clothing (groin guards and gum shields) are invalid. Team jerseys etc are acceptable.