

Sports Club & Community Group Physical Activity Participation Grant 2025

Criteria

Louth Sports Partnership supports volunteers and communities to develop opportunities for people to participate in organised sport and physical activity. This small scale grant aims to support initiatives to increase participation levels in Sport & Physical Activity. Proposed initiatives should attract new members or enhance ongoing participation. This grant also supports the set up of new clubs & groups and assists existing clubs & groups with initiatives to increase participation. Maximum Grant Awarded - €1,500.

Closing Date: Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 4pm

GRANT OVERVIEW

Who can apply? – To be eligible sports clubs, community groups or sporting organisations must:

- Sports Clubs & Organisations should be based in the Louth area and be affiliated to a Sport Ireland recognised NGB or disability organisation.
- Community Groups should be based in Louth
- Operate as a not for profit group and be open for public membership.
- Have policies and practices in place that encourage participation regardless of gender, age, race or ability.
- Clubs must operate the best practice for Children in Sport – Club members/Volunteers must have completed a Child Welfare & Protection Awareness Course.
- Must be registered with Louth PPN or register at www.louthppn.ie
- Only ONE application per club, organisation or community group.
- Have adequate insurance in place covering the activities for which funding is to be used.
- Where applicable, sports clubs or community groups that received previous funding from Louth Sports Partnership, must have fully drawn down all funds to be considered for new funding.

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.

What we want to fund:

- **New Clubs** – Set up costs for clubs established in the last 2 years e.g. bibs, cones, training equipment, team kit (LSP branding guidelines will be issued if applying for team kit, LLSP Logo must be front and centre on all jerseys).
- **Existing Clubs/ Community Groups** – Set up costs for initiatives to increase participant numbers of an existing or new branch of the club/ community group or increase physical activity targeting Disability, Mental Health, Disadvantaged Communities, Ethnic Minorities, Unemployed, Youth, Women & Girls, Older Adults and Men 35+, Ukrainian & Migrant Communities.
- **Better Governance** - Governance & Committee capacity building initiatives.

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, vouchers.
- 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 (other than Team Kit which must follow LSP branding guidelines).
- Capital Costs, Project Management Fees, feasibility studies.
- Courses outside of Ireland or uncertified courses.
- Programmes/events previously applied for or funded through Louth LSP

NOTE:

- We will not accept applications for events/programmes that have already taken place.
- Priority may be given to clubs & community groups who did not receive funding in 2023.
- In deciding the final allocations of funding to projects, Louth 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.
- Louth 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.
- Projects must be completed by 28th November 2025 to received balance of payment by year end of 2025. Return of funds may be requested back if project is not completed.

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 agreed by senior club member and details of same given.
- 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 – **Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 4pm**
- The Louth Sports Partnership 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 you are successful:

- Successful applicants will receive a Grant Agreement Letter that will outline the purpose of the grant. (Maximum grant awarded will be €1,500) 80% payment will be made on acceptance of the terms.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit a report after the event/programme along with receipts in order to recoup the final 20% payment of the grant. Final 20% will only be paid where the funding is spent as specified on the Grant Agreement Letter.
- Successful applicants must recognise the support of Louth Sports Partnership and comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity surrounding their project.

For general information, contact Áine McDonald on aine.mcdonald@louthcoco.ie

OR

042-9324318 Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm.

Completed application forms should be returned by Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 4pm

Return Postal Address:

**Sports Club & Community Group PA Participant Grant Application,
Louth Sports Unit, Dundalk Sports Centre,
Tom Bellew Avenue, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 X36T**

PLEASE NOTE – Applications received after the closing date will not be considered

THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE IS FINAL