

Application Guidelines

Sport & Physical Activity Grants Scheme 2019

1. Purpose of the Scheme:

The broad goal of the Laois Sports Partnership is to increase participation in sport and physical activity among the population of Laois. As part of their programme of activity the Partnership will provide funding to a maximum of €1,000 once off funding for Flagship project's to achieve this goal. The central aim in the provision of grants will be the ability of the organization(s) to generate a long-term return on the monies provided.

2. a. Eligible Sectors:

- A) Community Groups with a focus on physical activity
- B) Individual Sports Clubs & Organisations
- C) Disability Interest Groups / Clubs

2. b. Non Eligible Sectors:

- A) Private Individuals
Clubs without a constitution/club rules
- B) Private Facility Owners
- C) Statutory Agencies
- D) Schools and Youth Reach

Other non-eligible criteria:

Applications will not be considered that qualify for funding under the following grant schemes;

1. Sports Capital Programme
2. Go for Life Grant Programme
3. Local Youth Club Grant
4. Dormant Accounts/Pobal
5. NGB Grants



Other areas of non-eligibility include administration costs such as transport, insurance and miscellaneous operational expenses. Prizes or trophies will not be eligible for funding.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon Friday March 29th 2019 and no application will be considered after this date.

It is planned to allocate grants in June.

General Guidelines:

1. All applications must be forwarded in closed envelopes and be clearly marked "LSP Grants Scheme". Applications will be opened in the presence of the Grants Committee of the Laois Sports Partnership only after the deadline has expired. **N.B. Improper completion of an application form may render the application void. Applications received after closing date will not be considered.**
2. Successful applications must deliver programme and spend in 2019.
3. Evidence of financial needs and proposals for matching resources must be produced.
4. Organisations must have a club constitution/club rules and list their current officers (Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer). Please attach copy to application form. Clubs/organisations must have a representative whom has completed "Safeguarding 1 training" and Disability Inclusion Training.
5. Organisations must be in existence minimum 2 years and be capable of demonstrating sustainability of a programme.
6. Grants will not be paid retrospectively i.e. for past programmes or activities except where these are still running.
7. Evaluation on how the grant was spent will be required to be forwarded to LSP upon completion of project.
8. LSP can from time to time carry out "spot-check" on grants issued.
9. All organisations to register with the Laois Public Participation Network email ppn@laoiscoco.ie for registration form.
10. Shortlisting will apply and selected groups will be invited to make a presentation to Grants Committee.

