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ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORT

Fingal Sports Office Sport Equipment Grants



Sport Equipment Grants

Fingal Sports Office is committed to supporting local sports clubs by providing funding opportunities for the acquisition of sports equipment. This booklet outlines the available funding categories, eligibility criteria, application process, and guidelines to assist clubs in enhancing their equipment and promoting sports participation within the community.

Funding Categories

Essential Sports Equipment Grant

Maximum Funding Available: Up to €1,500

Purpose: To help clubs purchase essential sports equipment needed for daily training and activities.

Note: Clubs can apply for this grant annually.

Large Sports Equipment Grant

Maximum Funding Available: Up to €4,000

Purpose: To assist clubs in acquiring larger equipment or embarking on projects that demand a significant investment.

Note: Clubs can apply for this grant every two years. Any item purchased must be over €500 each to qualify for this funding.

Clubs can only apply for one grant project per year

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for funding, applicant groups must:

Location: Be a sports club located in and/or have a significant operation within the administrative area of Fingal.

Membership: Consist of at least 80% Fingal residents. The sports club must be affiliated with National Governing Body. Please see list of Sport Ireland NGB's here - www.sportireland.ie/national-governing-bodies/ngb-contact-finder

Establishment: Be formally established for at least 12 months and, if requested, provide documentary evidence and be a registered a member of Fingal Public Participation Network.

Financial Capacity: Demonstrate the ability to financially administer the project, including having a bank account in the group's name and evidence of good financial practices.

Tax Compliance: Possess a valid tax registration number.

Quotations: Provide quotations for all project costs over €100.

Application Process

Application Form: Complete the Fingal County Council Sports Funding Scheme application form and submit it online. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Acknowledgement: Upon submission, you will receive formal acknowledgement of your application.

Assessment: Applications will be assessed based on merit and adherence to scheme criteria. The Sports Department will make initial assessments and recommendations.

Approval: Applications will be presented at Area Committee Meetings for your electoral area and then presented at full Council Meeting for final approval. Applicants will be informed of the decision thereafter. Equipment purchased prior to approval will not be eligible for the grant.

Funding Disbursement: Upon submission of receipts and evidence of payment in club named bank account, the club can withdraw 100% of the funds.

Eligible Sports Equipment for Essential Sports Equipment Grant

- Training balls
- Training cones and markers
- Hurleys and sliotars (for beginner shared groups, not for singular/personal use)
- Handball gloves and balls
- Whistles and stopwatches for coaches
- Portable first aid kits
- Portable corner flags
- Ball bags and pumps
- Small-sided training goals for youth sessions
- Tackle bags and shields
- Scrum sleds (basic models)
- Rugby balls (training-grade)
- Goalpost protectors
- Tennis rackets (starter kits for juniors)
- Tennis balls in bulk
- Basic ball pickers and caddies
- Nets for practice courts
- Stick bags and safety equipment (not for singular use)
- Cones for dribbling practice
- Basic maintenance tools (spare tires, pumps, and repair kits)
- Indoor turbo trainers for off-season training
- Swim kickboards, pull buoys, and hand paddles
- Portable lane ropes
- Swim caps for competitions

Please contact Fingal Sport Office if you wish to query about equipment eligibility

Eligible Sports Equipment for Large Sports Equipment Grant

- Full-size portable goalposts for training fields
- Line marking machines for pitch maintenance
- Lawnmowers for field upkeep
- Floodlights for training
- Permanent goalposts for senior matches
- Gym equipment
- Rebound walls for technical skill training
- Pitch covers to protect against weather damage
- Large scrum machines for advanced training
- Pitch aerators and scarifiers for turf maintenance
- Practice nets and swing cages
- Maintenance equipment for fairways (mowers, rollers)
- Mobile cricket nets for outdoor practice
- High jump mats
- Timing systems for races
- Sandpit covers for long jump
- Storage racks for rowing boats and kayaks
- Trailer for transporting boats to events
- Canoes or kayaks for training
- Digital scoreboards
- Spectator benches and seating
- Basketball Baskets and backboards
- PA systems for event management
- Storage containers or sheds for equipment

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Ineligible Sports Equipment for Sports Equipment Grants

- Sports kits and playing gear
- Ongoing administrative or running costs (e.g., website hosting, auditing)
- Salaries
- Shipping Costs
- Professional Fees (contractors)
- Deficits and debts from past activities
- Food and beverages
- Prizes and awards
- For-profit activities
- Personal materials and equipment not integral to the project
- Work already completed or ordered
- Activities under statutory body responsibility
- Fundraising events or activities
- Participation in tournaments, competitions, or events

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Tips for Clubs

- Prioritise equipment that will have the greatest impact on your members and activities.
- Include items that enhance safety.
- Look for equipment that can cater to multiple teams or age groups.
- Consider investing in durable, high-quality items to ensure longevity.
- By using these examples as inspiration, clubs can tailor their funding applications to meet their specific needs and improve their equipment and facilities.
- If you have any queries or need support with your application please email sports@fingal.ie

How to Apply

Essential Sports Equipment Grant

Maximum Funding Available: Up to €1,500

Purpose: To help clubs purchase essential sports equipment needed for daily training and activities.

Note: Clubs can apply for this grant annually.

Link - <https://bit.ly/FingalSportEssentialGrant>



Large Sports Equipment Grant

Maximum Funding Available: Up to €4,000

Purpose: To assist clubs in acquiring larger equipment or embarking on projects that demand a significant investment.

Note: Clubs can apply for this grant every two years.

Link - <https://bit.ly/FingalSportLargeGrant>

