**Criteria for Increasing Participation Grant 2024**

## **Grant Criteria**

Meath Local Sports Partnership’s remit is to promote participation in sports and physical activity. This grant is designed to support clubs, community & voluntary organisations & disability groups **to increase participation in sport and physical activity, particularly to the targeted population groups outlined below.**

**Eligible applicants must:**

1. Be registered to an NGB & based in Meath.
2. Operate as a “not for profit”.
3. Have a club constitution or equivalent documentation that includes policies and practices that encourage participation regardless of gender, age, race or ability.
4. Where the club has membership under the age of 18, the club must operate under best practice for children in sport and be able to demonstrate certification in Child Protection & safeguarding.
5. Clubs/groups must have suitable insurance cover in place.
6. Applicant group/ club must have a bank account in the club/ group/ organisations name.

**Programme criteria**

1. Demonstrate how a successful application would increase **participation** in sport and physical activity.
2. Programme must be delivered over a minimum period of 6 weeks and can be a series of ‘Come & Try’ days.
3. Programme must demonstrate additionality either in terms of new participants, new activity or working with a new target group.
4. Outline how the programme provides a participation pathway into the club
5. Focus of the programme can include 1 or more of the following target groups

* Older Adults
* Women and Girls
* Men 35+
* People with disabilities
* Disadvantaged communities
* Ethnic Minorites
* Young People

**What applications are ineligible for this scheme?**

* Applications from individuals
* National/Regional/County Governing Bodies/ Statutory agencies
* For profit groups/commercial organisations
* Private facility owners
* Applications eligible for funding under other schemes will not be considered e.g. Go for Life, Sports Capital etc
* Clubs based outside of County Meath
* Clubs not affiliated with an NGB
* Costs such as entertainment
* Initiatives which are being used as fundraisers
* Capital equipment e.g. Lawnmowers etc

**What we want to fund:**

Costs of programme to increase participant numbers of a new or existing club(s) and/or increase physical activity targeting one or more of: Older Adults, Women and Girls, Men 35+, People with disabilities, Disadvantaged communities, Ethnic Minorites or Young People.

Your programme is to include at least 1 of the goals below:

1. **New and innovative –** not a replica of a previous programme / initiative
2. **Include group(s) from target areas**
3. **Adds additionality –** adds a new element to an existing activity or by engaging a new partner

**Examples include:**

**1. Increasing participation:** Developing participation of a given target group through a new partnership approach between a club, agency, community group, local school etc. examples could include a 6-week come & try programme.

**2.Developing social participation opportunities**: The club, partners, with a local agency, community group, organisation, Gardai. They identify a group that would benefit from social participation opportunities. Target groups include older adults, women & girls, men 40+, people with additional needs, ethnic minorities.

**3.Developing inclusive sections of clubs:** Theclub, partners with local disability organisation or voluntary group to run sessions for people with additional needs.With continued participation and interest, this progresses to establishment of an inclusive section of the club e.g. All stars, football for all etc.

**How much funding is available per club/organisation/project?**

Increasing participation – maximum **€1,000** per club / application

**Evaluation Report Form**

Applicants should note that successful clubs/organisations must complete and submit an evaluation report form (provided by Meath LSP at programme end).

**NOTE:**

Applicants should note that successful clubs/organisations must comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from Meath LSP

\*\*\*Meath LSP Club Grant committee decision is final\*\*\*

**Closing date for applications: Thursday 31st October @ 4:00pm**