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# **Criteria for Volunteer Supports**

# **(Training & Education) Grant 2024**

**GRANT CRITERIA**

Meath Local Sports Partnership’s remit is to promote participation in sports and physical activity. This Volunteer Support grant is designed to support clubs in upskilling new and existing coaches and volunteers to increase participation in sport and physical activity.This will be done through the delivery of training and education courses to support volunteers in their development as coaches of sport and physical activity, officials within the club or those who wish to pursue referring on behalf of their club.

Meath Local Sports Partnership will provide this opportunity for assistance in training and EDUCATION FOR CLUBS BY PROVIDING 100% OF THE TOTAL COST OF A FOUNDATION COURSE (OR EQUIVALENT) & 50% of the cost of a level 1 course (or equivalent).

If your proposal is to provide training & education to volunteers for courses other than foundation or level 1 e.g. officiating courses, club committee development etc please outline in the application form.

Maximum **€1,000** per club

**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 demonstrate certification in Child Protection & safeguarding.
5. Clubs/groups must have suitable insurance cover in place.
6. Demonstrate why the additional training and education is required
7. Demonstrate how additional training and education would lead to continuedparticipation in sport and physical activity.
8. Applicant group/ club must have a bank account in the club/ group/ organisations name.

**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
* Clubs based outside of County Meath
* Clubs not affiliated with a National Governing Body
* Club affiliation fees and travel costs.
* Costs such as entertainment or prizes
* Initiatives which are being used as fundraisers
* Applications from community organisations/ schools not linked with a club

**ELIGIBLE COURSES (MAY INCLUDE):**

* Sports specific Coach Education (e.g. Athletics, Basketball, Gaelic, Soccer).
* Committee and / or Volunteer education, Administration & management courses
* Generic courses outlined on application form, Child Protection (where course is not delivered by Meath LSP), First Aid, Sport Leader Award etc
* Sport Ireland Coaching courses e.g. Coaching Children, Physical Literacy, Coaching Girls, Coaching Young people.
* Personal Development (leadership roles, governance, organizational skills, building self-esteem and confidence etc)
* Active Disability Ireland – Autism in Sport, Sports Inclusion & disability awareness workshop.

**INELIGIBLE COURSES (WILL INCLUDE):**

* Courses outside Ireland
* Sport related courses delivered by bodies not recognized under the National Coaching Development Programme or by the National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGB’s) if one exists.
* Generic sports courses delivered by a non-recognized agency
* Day to day running costs (e.g. insurance, transport)
* Courses not directly related to applicant club/ organization e.g. team building.

**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:**

* 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.

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 completed by an officer holder of the club.
* 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 – **Thursday 17th October at 4pm**
* Meath Local Sports Partnership Grant 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 successful, notification of grant award will be sent to person named in the application form and recipient will have to comply with grant drawdown process
* Successful applicants must recognise the support of Meath Local Sports Partnership and comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity surrounding their project

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

**Closing Date: Thursday 17th October @4pm**

**Closing date for applications: Thursday 10th October @ 4:00pm**