



Sports Clubs Grant Schemes



Sports Equipment Grants

Launched in
January 2025

71 applications in
total

38 Essential
Sports equipment
grants

33 Large Sport
equipment grants

€142,000 awarded

Sports Equipment Grants



Eligible Sports Equipment for Large Sports Equipment Grant

- **Large Sports Equipment Grant**
- **Maximum funding available up to €4,000**
- **To assist clubs in acquiring larger equipment or embarking on projects that demand a significant investment**
- **Large Sports Equipment grant can only be applied for every two years**

- 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

Sports Equipment Grants



- **Essential Sports Equipment Grant**
- **Maximum funding available up to €1,500**
- **To help clubs purchase essential sports equipment needed for daily training and activities**
- **Can only apply for one grant per year**

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

Proposed Sports Activity Grant



- Create a new fund similar to Communities Get Moving fund that was in effect in 2023 and 2024
- Eligible to all sports club affiliated to NGB's
- Scheme open all year round and capped at €500 per club
- Clubs can apply for this scheme and sports equipment grant in the same calendar year



Source of funding/eligible criteria



It is proposed that the community department would transfer €30K annually in funding to the sports office who would administer the scheme



They will need to demonstrate the benefits of the event and the amount of people who will benefit or participate in the event

