

Sport Ireland Resilience Fund

The Resilience Fund is being made available to ensure Sports Clubs can continue to deliver sporting opportunities at a local level. Funding will be distributed by Schemes established by the National Governing Bodies of Sport. The grant scheme is designed primarily to support sporting activity.

These funds are not aimed to replace lost income from ancillary activities such as hospitality or other non-sporting commercial activity.

A copy of the Scheme Framework and a full breakdown of distributed Grants will need to be submitted to Sport Ireland in 2022 as part of the post-allocation reporting. NGBs may elect to support Club costs centrally for example the cost of insurance and other restart costs.

It is also recommended that a detailed written narrative along with supporting documentation be submitted to provide further context and evidence of need. As part of any Scheme NGBs should have an understanding of the following in relation to their clubs and affiliates:

- Latest available financial report including a reasonable estimate of financial support required
- Details of reductions on income with supporting evidence
- Details of cost savings on expenditure; details of any income increases arising from increased membership
- Specific details on the staff and payroll implications of COVID 19
- Notes on access to horizontal supports such as the Government wages subsidy scheme, rate holidays
- Details on the levels of current reserves and their actual and potential use during COVID 19
- An estimation of how long core operations could continue under the current circumstances
- Any immediate short-term cash flow or financial commitments that clubs may be challenged to meet
- Information on any additional financing from any other source due to COVID 19 such as bank loans
- Declaration on any increase in bad debts arising
- Notes on any projects or programmes that will have to be deferred, postponed or cancelled
- Immediate standard restart costs/overheads (including insurance)
- Costs arising in facilities from the provision and installation of COVID 19 precautions
- Costs arising for adjustment of club facilities to cater for socially distanced sport programming
- Detail of income reduction arising from reduced numbers arising from restricted programmes operation

All support provided to Clubs is subject to the Terms and Conditions of Sport Ireland Funding and future audit.