



# MONAGHAN SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

## SPORTS CLUB GRANT PROGRAMME 2026

### Frequently Asked Questions

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#### 1. Why do you need to know our membership profile

This gives the assessment committee and opportunity to consider the size of the club and its current membership which may help in deciding how funding is allocated and in the future, what impact the funding may have had on membership

#### 2. Why do you need Bank Account Details?

Good Governance practice means that each constituted Sports Club holds an official bank account in its own name and that all financial transactions associated with the club are processed through this account and are subsequently furnished to the club members in an open and transparent manner.

In this instance the bank details are requested so that in the event of funding being allocated to the Club, it can be carried out by EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) directly into the Club Account

#### 3. Our Club does not have a Bank Account – does this matter?

Yes it does matter. The club cannot apply for funding from Monaghan Sports Partnership unless it has a bank account / credit union account in its own name at the time of application. Individual bank accounts cannot be used on behalf of a sports club. Good Governance practice means that each constituted Sports Club holds an official bank account in its own name and that all financial transactions associated with the club are processed through this account and are subsequently furnished to the club members in an open and transparent manner.

**Your application will not pass the first stage of assessment without this information provided**

#### 4. We don't have a bank account but we do have a Credit Union account – is this ok?

Yes. The club can apply with a Credit Union Account as long as the account is in the name of the club and not an individual. The Credit Union can supply you with all relevant information required on the application (ie IBAN, BIC etc)

#### 5. Can I, as a non-Committee member (or do not hold Officer Position on the Club Committee) complete the application on behalf of my Club?

It is recommended that the person completing the application is an Officer of the Club Committee and has the Committee's approval to make an application in the Clubs name

In the least case, the Club Secretary must be notified in advance of the application being submitted on the Clubs behalf.

Given that our 2026 Grant programme is available in an online format, we ask for the contact details of 3 separate individuals -

- The person making the application (for any queries / clarifications)
- Club Chairperson
- Club Secretary (for official correspondence regarding the result of the application).

You must provide 3 separate contacts ( if the person making the application is either the Chairperson or Secretary), then you should provide the contact for an additional person

This means that future correspondence relating to the fund can be communicated to a number of people, rather than relying on one person whose role may change throughout the year, and to ensure that key communications are not lost

For the purposes of Good Governance, the person making the application must have the permission of the Club Officers on the Committee and understands that s/he is doing so on behalf of the whole club, so that all parties are aware of the application being made on behalf of, and in the name of, the Club. It also verifies that they are in agreement with and verifying all information inputted on the application form, as accurate.

There should not be a case where more than one person from a club makes an application.

## **6. What can or cannot be funded?**

In brief, funding support for the purchase of small sports equipment that will be used by your club members. For example – typical sports equipment may include footballs, cones, bibs, huris, sliotars, tennis racquets, badminton racquets, nets, portable goalposts, hurdles, ladders, poles, etc. It may also allow costs of a new participation programme in the club that includes the needs for small items of equipment

It will **not** cover capital items, personal or technical / digital devices and aids, gym equipment, weights, strength training equipment etc or any item **not** associated with the core activities of your sport

More information is contained within the application and funding guidelines

Additionally or alternatively, funding support for education and training, specifically for your sports club volunteers. It can be used to upskill volunteers in coaching courses (provided by your relevant National Governing Body of Sport) or in additional non-coaching workshops. A request for training costs should be backed up with accurate information by the provider

For example – any foundation level recognised sports coaching course, sports first aid, coaching children workshop, disability awareness training, inclusion training, walking leader training

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## **7. Can our Club apply for more than one item?**

Yes – your club can apply for a number of items where applicable. (please check eligible expenditure)

However, you will see the maximum allowable through this fund.

Please note that, if approved for funding, the club will be asked to use its own finances for the purchase of goods etc and claim back the total, where applicable from Monaghan Sports Partnership

## **8. Our Club was previously funded by the Sports Partnership? Can we apply again?**

Yes - your club can apply again. However, the decision to award funding will depend on a number of factors eg. The year in which the club was funded, the amount of funding it received, the purpose of funding, whether or not the club has developed as a result of the funding etc.

Monaghan Sports Partnership is not in a position to continually fund general running costs of clubs or provide core equipment on a repetitive basis.

**NOTE:** Clubs who have not reported on spend from a previous round of funding for participation initiatives may not be prioritised as highly as other club applications.

**The committee reserves the right to prioritise its funding allocations for sports clubs in 2026, which may mean that some clubs, who were previously funded may not be guaranteed funding this year**

#### **9. What happens if the Club is funded by another source?**

We expect clubs to inform us of any other funding being allocated. Clubs cannot apply for funding from two sources for the same project. In the event that a club has secured funding for a project and requires an additional element not funded through another source, it may apply under this process to add the additional element as long as it is in the interest of sports participation.

In making an assessment, the committee will take into consideration funding allocations already approved for the Club through funding streams administered by Monaghan County Council – ie Community Development Fund etc

#### **10. Can our club apply for funding for a high performing individual?**

No. This funding Scheme is for the benefit of the club as a whole, with an emphasis on juvenile participation and / or activity which encourages participation from non-playing members within the Community and that will add additional value to the existing membership and / or encourage new membership. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to fund / sponsor individual athletes for training purposes, competition, equipment, or kit.

The funding should be used to benefit the greatest number of people possible and therefore cannot be used towards elite athletes, development squads or selected teams.

#### **11. When will we know the result of the application?**

The application will progress through the assessment process and reach final decision and approval of MSP Committee at its May meeting  
Clubs will be notified thereafter

#### **12. How do we receive the funding?**

If successful, your club will receive a letter of offer outlining the funding allocated  
The club must spend its own funding\* for the items approved and ensure they have receipts for any payment made

Once the club has used the full amount of funding awarded, it can submit evidence of the receipts and issue a drawdown form to claim the funding

\*In the instance where a small club does not have the funding resources to spend its own funds, MSP may facilitate an 'up front' payment – (Clubs should notify MSP of this request once approval of funding is known)

#### **13. How long do we have to spend our funding?**

Your club will have until **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2026** to spend its funds, and submit receipts to drawdown the funds from Monaghan Sports Partnership, otherwise funds cannot be allocated after this date

Note –where your club has spent appropriately and has receipts collated, you may drawdown your funding at any point throughout 2026 up to but not beyond 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Please ensure that you have met the criteria for drawdown and submitted correct information