



CRICKET IRELAND CLUB GRANT SCHEME (2024) GUIDANCE NOTES

Note: All Applications must be submitted through the online application process for review by the Clubs Local Provincial Union.

Clubs must register their details and will then be able to access the Club Fund application form. www.mycricketclub.ie (User Guides can be found [HERE](#))

APPLICATION PROCESS

Grants will be awarded on the basis that the club can match fund 50% of the project / equipment / works / program costs related to applications in funding 1 and 4. Evidence of match funding must be provided with the application in the form of bank statement (which must be dated within the previous 3 months).

Cricket Ireland in consultation with your Provincial Union reserve the right to prioritise some applications over others based on the needs of the club, and the benefit that the project brings to the playing of cricket in Ireland

The grants are available to clubs competing in competitions run by Provincial Unions. Subscriptions to the Provincial Union must be fully up to date. Clubs must be in good standing with their Provincial Union

Funds must be destined towards a specific identified capital project or piece of equipment/programme. Copies of quotations should accompany the application. It is intended that the capital project or piece of equipment will have direct benefit to the playing of cricket (for example: line marking machines, boundary ropes, scarifiers, upgrades of existing machinery, gazebos to provide shelter, containers for use as storage or as changing rooms).

For programmes/projects related to playing/coaching/volunteering a budget breakdown must be submitted. The project/programme will be monitored, and final spend submitted on request. Clubs who are delivering programmes/projects which are not related to spend on equipment etc will be asked to report on pre and post competition of the programme/project.

Applications must be signed off/approved by two officers of the Club.

Any club successful in Category 1, or Category 4. Must agree to submit data/reports/a case study on the programme.

FUNDING CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

CATEGORY ONE

A fund of €70,000/£58,400 is available for distribution. Grants will be awarded to the maximum of €5,000/£4,200.

WHAT WILL BE FUNDED:

- New grass cricket pitches (including pitch drainage/irrigation systems) or maintenance/upgrades of existing pitches.
- Artificial cricket pitches
- Pitch drainage or irrigation works
- Sustainable drainage systems/rainwater harvesting
- Cricket related equipment – sight screens, boundary rope etc
- LED lighting
- Scoreboards where it is required for essential club activities
- Fitness studios and equipment
- Security fencing, CCTV systems and pitch side fencing (where these are deemed essential)
- Ball stop netting
- Building or refurbishment of dressing rooms, showers and toilets or the provision of facilities for women and girls.
- Building or refurbishment (halls, gyms or fitness studios)
- Modifications to sports facilities to improve access for people with disabilities
- Modifications to sports facilities to reduce energy consumption
- Defibrillators.
- Storage containers/sheds
- Any other capital or other projects that are clearly sporting in nature and that will increase participation in cricket or improve performance
- Certain preliminary costs relating to costs incurred prior to breaking ground on a capital project
- Professional fees (incl. Legal, Accountancy, Consultancy, Design, Feasibility studies, Certification) relating to a capital project

WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED:

- Running or Operational costs (including software licences / subscriptions, consumables)
- Passenger Vehicles: Cars, 4x4s, Vans, Minibuses, Car parks, footpaths, roads or landscaping

CATEGORY TWO

A non-cash fund of €23,000 (for Ground Covers)

This is intended for the provision of Ground Covers. Clubs can apply for the allocation of run-up covers and or ground sheets.

CATEGORY THREE

A non-cash fund of €43,000 (for equipment) – recently established Club

This is intended for the provision of support for the purchase of equipment such as Ground Sheets, Sight-Screens and other equipment for clubs which have only been established and affiliated with a Provincial Union in the past 10 years i.e., since 2014.

CATEGORY FOUR

A fund of €30,000 is available for distribution for Inclusion Projects.

TYPES OF PROJECTS/INITIATIVES/PROGRAMMES WHICH WILL BE FUNDED:

- Activities that support the education and development of coaches (e.g., coaching courses); with additional weighting given to the development of female coaches, as well as coaches from diverse ethnic backgrounds and underrepresented communities.
- Activities that foster new participation opportunities and a better participant experience for those with a disability, women, girls, and individuals from diverse backgrounds (e.g. come and try events, school visits, replacement of white playing trousers, cultural competency training, mental health awareness training, first aid training for club members, social media training with a focus on inclusivity).
- Projects or activities that foster the development of new policies, practices, or processes that improve inclusivity in the club environment (e.g. committee evaluations, governance courses, or club policies that promote diversity and inclusion).
- Other activities, programs, or events which Cricket Ireland considers, in its sole discretion, are consistent with the aims and objectives of the Cricket in Ireland Strategy and EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Strategy, providing tangible support to clubs with a focus on initiatives that attract or retain, those with disabilities, women, girls, and individuals from diverse ethnic and cultural communities in cricket.

USE OF GRANT INVESTMENT & VALIDATION/ASSURANCE

The Club must provide their Provincial Union with such evidence as may be requested in order to verify that the Grant payment has been or is being expended appropriately and for the purposes intended.

Failure by your club to expend the grant investment in accordance with the approval granted will entitle Cricket Ireland and/or the Provincial Union to claim repayment of any or all monies previously advanced via this Club Grant Scheme and/or to refuse the future provision of further assistance to the club (financial or otherwise).

In accepting grant support under any of the categories outlined above, the club accepts that it may be the subject of an audit, inspection and/or investigation by Cricket Ireland and/or its Provincial Union in respect of any grant support received under this Club Grant Scheme.

By applying for a grant under this Club Grant Scheme, the club agrees to submit to and comply with any audit, inspection and/or investigation by Cricket Ireland and/or its Provincial Union in respect of any grant support received under this Club Grant Scheme.

By Applying for the grant under the Club Grant Scheme the clubs agree to share project information or become part of a case study.

Clubs which are delivering upon projects outside of capital or equipment projects agree to report outcomes and impacts of the project through the appropriate reporting tools as provided by the Provincial Union / Cricket Ireland.