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## Ministers launch €40m sports grant scheme for 2021

**Clubs encouraged to register now for Sports Capital & Equipment Programme**

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The Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin, T.D., and the Minister of State for Sport and the Gaeltacht, Jack Chambers, T.D., today announced that €40 million is being made available in 2021 under a new round of the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme (SCEP).

The SCEP is the Government's primary vehicle for providing support to sports clubs and communities to develop sports infrastructure around the country. Applications can be made *online only* from 9am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December until 5pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

Minister Martin stated: "The Covid pandemic has emphasised how important sport is to our society. As well as the pleasure and excitement generated by watching our sporting heroes, actively engaging in sport is critical for our physical and mental wellbeing. To allow as many people participate as possible, it is essential to have appropriate sports facilities and equipment available. To assist in this regard, I am delighted that we are making €40 million available for sports clubs and community groups right across the country.

"Recent findings have noted that the gender gap in active participation in sport is now at its lowest level, according to data published by Sport Ireland. The Government is committed to prioritising increasing female involvement in sport as participants, coaches, referees and administrators. The Sports Capital and Equipment Programme will help that important aim. Furthermore, it will boost participation in disadvantaged areas and ensure that those in every part of society can enjoy the physical and mental benefits of sport and exercise."

The Minister of State with responsibility for Sport, Jack Chambers, urged all sports organisations with suitable projects to get ready to make an application. “If we are to achieve our ambitious targets in relation to sports participation we need to continue to invest in facilities and particularly target areas with lower levels of participation,” the Minister said.

“The new programme will again prioritise applications from disadvantaged areas, applications which will increase participation including female participation and disabled users and those which share facilities with other users and the wider community.

“It has been a tough year for many sports clubs as a result of the COVID-19 crisis but the new round of the programme now provides an opportunity for clubs to make real improvements to their facilities. We also want to make the applications process as user-friendly as possible so all of the improvements from an applicant’s perspective which were trialed in recent rounds are being retained for this round.”

The first step in obtaining a grant is to register on the Department’s online system. The Ministers encouraged any clubs which are not already registered to do so now. Clubs can now register on the Department’s online system at <https://www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie>. Once registered, all applications must be made on the same website. The system will be open for applications from 11<sup>th</sup> December to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

The “Guide to Making an Application” was also published on the Department’s website today and can be found here: <https://www.gov.ie/sportscapital>

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### Notes to editors:

The Sports Capital and Equipment Programme is the Government’s primary vehicle for supporting the development of sports facilities and the purchase of non-personal sports equipment.

The programme funds:

- Natural grass sports pitches, tracks and courts (including pitch drainage)
- Energy Efficient Floodlighting
- Artificial sports pitches, tracks, courts and multi-use games areas

- Security fencing, ball stop netting and goal posts
- Hurling walls / handball alleys
- Building or refurbishment of dressing rooms, showers and toilets
- Building or refurbishment of sports halls and gyms
- Non-personal sports equipment
- Limited Covid related works/equipment
- Modifications to sports facilities to reduce energy consumption
- Any other capital projects that are clearly sporting in nature and that will increase participation in sport or improve performance

Further information about the programme including details of all previous allocations and a detailed review of the latest (2018) round of the programme can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/sportscapital>



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## **Scéim deontais spóirt €40m seolta ag na hAirí do 2021**

### **Iarrtar ar chlubanna clárúanois don Chlár Caipitiúil Spóirt agus Trealmh**

D'fhógair an tAire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Meán, Catherine Martin, T.D., agus an tAire Stáit don Spórt agus don Ghaeltacht, Jack Chambers, T.D., inniu go bhfuil €40 milliún á chur ar fáil do 2021 faoi bhabhta nua den Chlár Caipitiúil Spóirt agus Trealmh.

Is é an Clár Caipitiúil Spóirt agus Trealmh an príomh-mheán lena dtugann an Rialtas tacaíocht do shaoráidí spóirt agus acláiochta áineasa agus do cheannach trealamh spóirt neamhphearsanta ar fud na tíre. Beifear in ann iarratais a dhéanamh *ar líne agus sin amháin* ón 9am Dé hAoine an 11 Nollaig go dtí 5pm Dé hAoine an 12 Feabhra, 2021.

Dúirt an tAire Martin: "Tá béim curtha ag an bpaindéim Covid ar a thábhactaí is atá an spórt dár sochaí. Chomh maith leis an bpléisiúr agus na sceitimíni a fhaighimid as féachaint ar ár laochra spóirt i mbun imeartha, is ríthábhachtach dár sláinte choirp agus dár meabhairshláinte é a bheith rannpháirteach go gníomhach sa spórt.

D'fhonn deis a thabhairt don lín daoine is airde agus is féidir a bheith rannpháirteach, ní mór saoráidí agus trealamh spórt a bheith ar fáil. Chun cabhrú leis sin, tá ríméad orm go bhfuil €40 milliún á chur ar fáil againn do chlubanna spóirt agus do ghrúpaí pobail ar fud na tíre.

"Léiríonn torthaí le déanaí go bhfuil an bhearna inscne maidir le rannpháirtíocht ghníomhach sa spórt ar an leibhéal is ísle riámh, de réir sonraí a d'fhoilsigh Spórt Éireann. Tá an Rialtas tiomanta túis áite a thabhairt d'ardú a chur ar rannpháirtíocht na mban sa spórt, mar rannpháirtithe, cóitseálaithe, réiteoirí agus riarthóirí. Cabhrófar leis an aidhm thábhactach sin leis an gClár Caipitiúil Spóirt agus Trealmh. Anuas air sin, cuirfear borradh faoi rannpháirtíocht i gceantair faoi mhíbhuntáiste agus cinnteofar go bhféadfaidh gach duine i ngach cuid den tsochaí leas a bhaint as na buntáistí a thugann spórt agus acláiocht don chorp agus don intinn."

Mhol an tAire Stáit atá freagrach as Spórt, Jack Chambers, do gach eagraíocht a bhfuil tionscadal oiriúnach acu iad féin a ullmhú le haghaidh iarratas a dhéanamh. "Má tá ár spriocanna uaillmhianacha maidir le rannpháirtíocht i spórt le baint amach againn, ní mór dúinn leanúint d'infheistiú i saoráidí agus, go háirithe, díriú go sonrach ar cheantair ina bhfuil leibhéal íseal rannpháirtíochta.

"Faoi gclár nua, tabharfar túis áite arís d'iarratais ó cheantair faoi mhíbhuntáiste, d'iarratais a chuirfidh ardú ar rannpháirtíocht, lena n-áirítear i measc cailíní, mná agus úsáideoirí faoi mhíchumas, agus na daoine sin a roinneann saoráidí le húsáideoirí eile agus leis an bpobal níos leithne.

"Bliain chrua a bhí ann don iliomad clubanna spóirt, de bharr na géarchéime COVID-19, ach leis an mbabhta nua den chlár, tugtar deisanois do chlubanna fíor-fheabhas a chur ar a gcuid saoráidí. Is mian linn an próiseas iarratais a dhéanamh chomh héasca agus is féidir d'úsáideoirí, mar sin tá na feabhsúcháin go léir (ó dhearcadh an iarratasóra de) ar tástáladh iad sna babhtaí deireanacha á gcoimeád sa bhabhta seo," a dúirt an tAire.

An chéad chéim maidir le deontas a fháil is ea clárú ar chóras na Roinne ar líne. Mhol na hAirí do chlub ar bith nach bhfuil cláraithe fós é sin a dhéanamh anois. Is féidir le clubanna clárú ar chóras ar líne na Roinne ag <https://www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie>. Ar chlárú do chlub, caithfidh sé gach iarratas a dhéanamh ar an láithreán gréasáin céanna. Beidh an córas ar oscailt d'iarratais ón 11 Nollaig go dtí an 12 Feabhra, 2021.

Foilsíodh an “Treoir maidir le hlarratas a Dhéanamh” ar láithreán gréasáin na Roinne inniu freisin agus tá sí le fáil anseo: <https://www.gov.ie/sportscapital>

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Maoinítéar iad seo a leanas faoin gclár:

- Páirceanna imeartha spóirt, raonta agus cúirteanna d'fhéar nádúrtha (draenáil pháirceanna imeartha san áireamh)
- TUILSOILSIÚ atá tíosach ar fhuinneamh
- Páirceanna imeartha, raonta, cúirteanna agus ceantair chluichí ilúsáide saorga
- Fálú slándála, líontán chun liathróidí a stopadh agus cuailí
- Ballaí cleachta iománaíochta / pinniúir
- Seomraí feistis, cithfholcadáin agus leithris a thógáil nó a athchóiriú
- Hallaí spóirt agus giomnáisiamaí a thógáil nó a athchóiriú
- Trealamh spóirt neamhphearsanta
- Oibreacha/trealamh teoranta a bhaineann le Covid
- Athruithe ar shaoráidí spóirt chun ídiú fuinnimh a laghdú
- Aon tionscadail chaipitiúla eile a bhaineann go soiléir leis an spórt agus a chuirfidh méadú ar rannpháirtíocht sa spórt nó feabhas ar fheidhmíocht

Tá tuilleadh eolais faoin gclár, lena n-áirítear mionsonraí faoi na leithdháiltí uile go dtí seo agus athbhreithniú mionsonraithe ar an mbabhta is deireanaí den chlár le fáil ag <https://www.gov.ie/sportscapital>