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## €5.8 million in COVID-19 Supplementary Funding for Sport

Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin TD, and Minister of State for Sport & the Gaeltacht, Jack Chambers TD, today announced the allocation of €5,804,828 in funding for the COVID-19 Supplementary Grant Scheme.

In November, an unprecedented €85 million funding package was announced for the Irish sport sector, which has been significantly impacted by the various Covid-19 restrictions imposed since March 2020. €5.8 million of that funding was ring-fenced to address any additional and immediate needs that may arise in the sector as a result of the recent Level 5 restrictions.

Minister Martin commented: *“The Government recognises the ongoing struggle experienced by the sports sector and the ongoing uncertainty faced by National Governing Bodies and clubs as we move in to 2021. In November we announced an unprecedented €85 million in funding to support the sector and today’s announcement will further bolster attempts to protect the sector and provide some financial stability. The sports sector, and all of the people working and participating in sport, has shown its ability to adapt and persevere in the face of adversity and find innovative ways to be active and engaged. We must continue this work and look forward to a time when we can all return to spectating and participating in sport together”.*

Minister Chambers added: *“Throughout the difficult months of 2020, the sports sector has shown its resilience and ability to adapt. National Governing Bodies and Local Sports Partnerships have continued to keep their clubs and communities as active as possible and we have seen record numbers of people out walking and enjoying the many benefits of physical exercise. We recognise that the public health restrictions have had a severe impact on Irish sport, with many sports yet to make a meaningful return since the onset of the pandemic. I have launched a consultation with the sport sector to develop a pathway for a broad return to sporting activity in the New Year. I would encourage all the sporting bodies to engage with Sport Ireland in this process over the coming weeks.”*

The national move to Level 5 restrictions in October meant that many sports at both a national and club level faced additional financial challenges that had not been accounted for in their original applications or business plans. Additionally, while the initial schemes focused on verified losses to 2020 income, the Supplementary Fund has been expanded to also support immediate 2021 challenges along with a number of additional initiatives focused on protecting Ireland's vast network of sports clubs.

Chairman of Sport Ireland, Kieran Mulvey, commented: *"Sport Ireland has been in ongoing consultation with the National Governing Bodies and has noted concerns about losses some expect to incur in early 2021. The funding announced today will address many of these concerns and allow these organisations start the New Year in a stronger financial position. I would like to thank Ministers Martin and Chambers, and the staff at the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for their continued support in ensuring the sports sector survives a difficult year and can return to providing opportunities for the population to enjoy and participate in sport again"*.

Funding has also been made available to develop new programmes, projects and platforms that can advance sport and physical activity in the post Covid-19 public health era. Further funding has been ring fenced to support disability sport, local communities and the reopening of swimming pools.

Chief Executive of Sport Ireland, John Treacy added, *"The funding announced in November has supported many organisations to continue to operate. Today's announcement further supports the sector including extra support for the disability sport sector. COVID 19 has had a disproportionate impact on people with a disability and a portion of today's funding is ring fenced for organisations delivering in this sector. Similarly, the small grant scheme operated by Sport Ireland's Local Sports Partnership Network has proved to be invaluable and we are delighted to be able to further support this. We look forward to working with the sector to get sport back on track in 2021"*.

A further €1,000,000 in funding was also announced today for the Dublin based Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs) toward their Active Cities Project. The Active Cities fund invests in sport and physical activity initiatives in Ireland's five cities – Dublin City, Fingal, South Dublin, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Waterford, Cork, Limerick and Galway with the aim of creating, maintaining and increasing the numbers of citizens, regardless of age and ability, participating in sport and physical activity in their city.

Sport Ireland staff carried out a detailed assessment of all applications received during the competitive bid process and recommended 4 projects for approval. Each application received under this strand was evaluated based on a scoring matrix that considered the quality and context of the project.

Speaking of the announcement, Dr. Una May, Director of Participation and Ethics, Sport Ireland commented, *"Active Cities aims to create the opportunity for citizens to lead healthier lifestyles in the*

*context of sport & physical activity and is built on the principals of the Global Action Plan for Physical Activity developed by the WHO in 2018. An Active City strives to create social norms around the benefits of sport and physical activities as well as opportunities for everyone to participate, regardless of age or ability. In recent months we have all had a lot more time to get to know our neighbourhood and local environments and we hope that the funding announced today will help the LSPs in their work to to develop environments that lead toward healthier lifestyles for its citizens”.*

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**Notes to the Editor:**

Scheme	Amount
NGB Resilience Fund	1,400,500.00
Sports Club Resilience Fund	2,297,328.00
NGB Restart & Renewal Fund	188,000.00
Disability Sport Support Fund	494,000.00
LSP Community Support Fund	725,000.00
Swimming Pool Support Fund	700,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,804,828.00</b>

**National Governing Body Allocations:**

Organisation	NGB	Sports Club	NGB Restart	Recommended
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Name	Resilience Fund	Resilience Fund	& Renewal Fund	Allocation
Motor Sport Ireland	210,000.00	255,000.00	-	465,000.00
Hockey Ireland	40,000.00	360,000.00	-	400,000.00
Special Olympics Ireland	-	-	386,000.00	386,000.00
Cricket Ireland	270,000.00	-	-	270,000.00
Basketball Ireland	-	175,000.00	70,000.00	245,000.00
Rowing Ireland	175,000.00	65,000.00	-	240,000.00
Horse Sport Ireland	-	200,000.00	-	200,000.00
Irish Rugby Football Union	-	200,000.00	-	200,000.00
Gaelic Athletic Association	-	200,000.00	-	200,000.00
Football Association of Ireland	-	200,000.00	-	200,000.00
Badminton Ireland	185,000.00	-	-	185,000.00
Mountaineering Ireland	40,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	180,000.00
Irish Martial Arts Commission	-	152,500.00	-	152,500.00
Athletics Ireland	125,000.00	-	-	125,000.00
Irish Squash	28,000.00	76,000.00	-	104,000.00
Golf Ireland / Confederation of Golf in Ireland	-	100,000.00	-	100,000.00
Triathlon Ireland	98,000.00	-	-	98,000.00
Canoeing Ireland	-	52,000.00	40,000.00	92,000.00
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	80,000.00	-	-	80,000.00
Vision Sports Ireland	-	-	58,000.00	58,000.00
American Football Ireland	36,000.00	22,000.00	-	58,000.00

Irish Judo Association	12,000.00	42,000.00	-	54,000.00
Swim Ireland	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00
Irish Wheelchair Association Sport	-	-	50,000.00	50,000.00
Bowling League of Ireland	-	44,828.00	-	44,828.00
Irish Underwater Council	20,000.00	15,000.00	-	35,000.00
Snowsports Association of Ireland	-	30,000.00	-	30,000.00
ONAKAI (Karate)	7,500.00	20,000.00	-	27,500.00
Irish Tug of War Association	24,000.00	-	-	24,000.00
Pitch and Putt Ireland	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
National Community Games	-	8,000.00	-	8,000.00
Racquetball Association of Ireland	-	-	8,000.00	8,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,400,500.00</b>	<b>2,297,328.00</b>	<b>682,000.00</b>	<b>4,379,828.00</b>

**Disability Sports Allocations:**

<b>National Governing Body</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Special Olympics Ireland	386,000
Vision Sports Ireland	58,000
Irish Wheelchair Association Sport	50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>494,000</b>

**Local Sports Partnership Allocations:**

<b>Local Sports Partnership</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
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Carlow Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Cavan Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Clare Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Cork Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Donegal Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership	25,000.00
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Fingal Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Galway Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Kildare Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Kilkenny Recreation & Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Laois Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Leitrim Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Limerick Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Longford Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Louth Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Mayo Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Meath Local Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Monaghan Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Offaly Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Roscommon Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership	25,000.00
South Dublin County Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Sports Active Wexford	25,000.00
Tipperary Sports Partnership	25,000.00

Waterford Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Westmeath Sports Partnership	25,000.00
Wicklow Sports Partnership	25,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>725,000.00</b>

**Active Cities Grant Allocations:**

<b>Local Sports Partnership</b>	<b>Total Recommended Funding</b>
Dublin City	€250,000
Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown	€250,000
Fingal	€250,000
South Dublin	€250,000
Proposed allocation	€1,000,000