



ACTIVE SOUTH DUBLIN SPORTS GRANT



Introduction

At Active South Dublin, we're passionate about helping everyone in South Dublin County enjoy the benefits of an active, healthy lifestyle. Whether it's walking, cycling, dancing, playing team sports, keeping fit, or volunteering, we work with local communities, clubs, schools, and organisations to make sports and physical activity more accessible for all.

Our vision is simple: to get more people, more active, more often. We bring people together residents, local groups, leisure providers, and other partners to create opportunities for participation, focusing on building an inclusive and supportive environment for physical activity, recreation and sport.

Four key pillars guide our work:

- **Active Spaces and Places:** Enhancing facilities and creating welcoming spaces for physical activity.
- **Active Communities and Clubs:** Supporting clubs, groups, and local initiatives to grow and thrive.
- **Active Partnerships and Systems:** Building strong connections to achieve better outcomes together.
- **Active Communications:** Sharing information and spreading the message of active living.

Funded by Sport Ireland and South Dublin County Council, Active South Dublin is part of a national network of 29 Local Sports Partnerships to promote and develop physical activity across Ireland.

Let's get moving—together!



Purpose of Scheme

To increase participation in sport and physical activity among the population of the county. Active South Dublin will look to target those sections of the community where research shows that participation is traditionally lower - those experiencing economic and/or social disadvantage; ethnic minorities; teenage girls and women in general; older aged and people with a disability.

The central objective in the provision of grants will be the ability of the organisation to generate a longer-term effect with the funding provided.





Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Sectors – must be located within the County of South Dublin

- Schools – primary, secondary & special.
- Sports Clubs & Organisations.
- Disability Groups.
- Community Groups.

Non-Eligible Sectors.

- Private Individuals.
- Private Facility Owners.
- Statutory Agencies.

Eligible categories for funding.

- Purchase of Equipment.
- Training – club development, leadership/ coaching courses.
- Activity Programmes - particularly those aimed at core target groups such as teenage girls, women, ethnic minorities, persons with a disability, unemployed and older age.

Non-Eligible categories for funding – Examples include:

- Personal items e.g. footwear.
- Training that is not accredited by Sport Ireland, a National Governing Body of sport or another recognised corporate body.
- Training courses which benefit an individual rather than the whole organisation.



General Criteria

- Application for a Sports Development Grant must be made on the official online application form via the Active South Dublin website www.activesouthdublin.ie.
- Full details of the purpose of the grant must be provided.
- Evidence of financial needs and proposals for matching resources should be produced.
- Bank accounts must be in the name of the group making the application. A copy of a recent Bank Statement Header (must be dated within the last 6 months) showing:
 - Club/Organisation name and address
 - Your bank's name / logo
 - The BIC and
 - The IBAN
- Grants will not be paid retrospectively for past programmes or activities.
- The applicant group must demonstrate the need for operational support.
- Groups/ organisations seeking a grant may be requested to provide a copy of their Constitution.
- Proof of insurance may be requested to support your application.
- Active South Dublin grant contribution must be publicly acknowledged in all associated promotional material pertaining to the project and if requested, evidence of this must be supplied.
- Grant recipients are required to retain all receipts for a minimum period of 12 months. Active South Dublin reserves the right to request documentation to confirm that expenditure corresponds with the grant amount awarded and its approved purpose.
- All Groups must read [SDCC Privacy Statement for Council Community Grants](#).



How will my application be assessed?

Note: Applications will be rejected if all requested information has not been submitted.

Grants are assessed under the following considerations:

1. Target audience.
2. Provision of clear and accurate information and costings.
3. Potential sustainability and legacy.
4. Cost-benefit analysis i.e. demonstrates good value for money.
5. Existing funds available to the group and the availability of other funding sources.
6. Copy of Bank Statement (dated within 6 months) attached to the application.

Following the assessment of the application the Active South Dublin Committee presents its grants approvals to a meeting of South Dublin County Council which currently meets on the second Monday of each month (excluding August).

The Annual Allocation for 2026 is €150,000.

Additionally, further information and advice on the Sports Development Grants can be obtained by contacting Active South Dublin: Tel 01-4149157 or by emailing info@activesouthdublin.ie.



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