

# Development Fund 2012

## Criteria

The Westmeath Sports Partnership Strategic Plan aims to improve the quality of training, support volunteers and develop opportunities for people to participate in organised sport.

This fund aims to encourage the set up of new clubs and assist existing clubs. Priority will be given to minority sports, low participation groups and the target groups identified in the Westmeath Sports Partnership strategy.



**What costs are eligible?** - Funding is available towards the following costs :

- **NEW CLUBS** - set up costs e.g. bibs, cones, nets, balls, training equipment, insurance, registration, affiliation fees, first aid kit etc.
- **EXISTING CLUBS** - applications for set up/development costs for the development of:-
  - a) a juvenile section where such a section does not currently exist
  - b) a new gender section where such a section does not currently exist e.g. a new women's team in an all male club
  - c) a disability strand within a mainstream club.
  - d) walking/cycling/meet and train groups which target the adult population and have a social connectedness element to the programme

### Please note:

- New clubs will need to provide written confirmation of registration with their National Governing Body or appropriate agency
- Annual operational costs such as travel, venue hire will not be eligible. Insurance and affiliation fees are permitted for new clubs, but not for existing clubs.
- Generic courses currently facilitated and subsidised by Westmeath Sports Partnership such as First Aid, Code of Ethics, Sport for All are not eligible under this scheme however will continue to be subsidised heavily.

### Who can apply?

#### To be eligible organisations/clubs must:

- be based within the County of Westmeath
- operate as a 'not for profit' club or organisation that is open to public membership
- be affiliated to an ISC recognised National Governing Body (proof to be given)
- have policies and practices that encourage participation regardless of gender, age, race or ability
- operate under the basis of best practice for children in sport - a member of the club must have previously attended a Child Welfare & Protection Awareness course (new clubs must commit to attending training where appropriate)

#### Clubs applying for a grant must:-

- provide a copy of the minutes of the most recent AGM
- provide invoices/receipts for associated costs
- provide a copy of affiliation to relevant National Governing Body
- acknowledge funding received from WSP to club members and in any media articles

### Who is ineligible to apply? -

#### Individuals and the following organisations **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** to apply:

- National/Regional/County Governing Bodies
- For profit groups/commercial organisations
- Private facility owners
- Statutory agencies
- Applications eligible for funding under other schemes will not be considered  
E.g. Go for Life, Sports Capital etc

### How much funding is available per club/organisation/project?

- Development Fund - up to €400 per club.
- The fund for 2012 is €5500 - The fund will be closed once these funds are exhausted.

### NOTE:

- Applicants should note that successful clubs/organisations must comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from Westmeath Sports Partnership
- Any club/organisation funded under this scheme may be asked to submit a report to Westmeath Sports Partnership and may be asked to supply documentary evidence of how the funds were spent