

Report on Special Olympics Ireland's Club Grant Scheme provided by Sport Ireland in December 2021

Special Olympics Ireland notified its affiliated clubs in late December 2021 that the National Governing Body's application for funding towards a Club Grant Scheme had been successful and that a Club Grant Scheme would open in early 2022, following agreement with Sport Ireland to defer the grant awards into 2022 as many clubs had not returned to activity.

The Grant Scheme Framework developed included the following:

- Procedure for Grant Assessments and Processing
- An online and hard-copy application form with a requirement to submit supporting documents and signed by two club officers
- Grant Terms and Conditions
- Grant Assessment Form
- Club C-19 2022 Grant Onwards Payment File (for final sign off and approval of payments)

On 23 February 2022, following development of the Grant Scheme Framework, and approval by the Board of Directors, an invitation to apply for a club grant was issued to all community-based clubs in **Round 1 of the Grant Scheme**. An online and hard copy application process was put in place.

A total of 40 Special Olympics Sports Clubs applied for grant funding in Round 1, resulting in 39 clubs being awarded a club grant. One of the applicant clubs subsequently closed their club.

Round 1:

39 SO Sports Clubs were awarded funding in Round 1, an allocation of €69,186 awarded in total.

On 20 May 2022, Round 2 of the Grant Scheme invited all Intellectual Disability Services and Special Schools affiliated to Special Olympics Ireland to apply for grant funding. An invitation was also extended in Round 2 to Special Olympics Sports Clubs who had not yet applied.

Round 2:

11 Intellectual Disability Services/Special Schools and 17 SO Sports Clubs were awarded funding in Round 2, an allocation of €54,479 awarded in total.

As at 31st August 2022, club grant funding amounting to €123,665 has been awarded.

Special Olympics Ireland will continue to restrict the funding for clubs and will introduce further rounds periodically until all the funds are dispersed and necessary Terms & Conditions are met.

Breakdown of the Allocations made to Special Olympics Clubs as at 31st August 2022

Clubs grant awarded are set out in the table below:

Region	Name of Affiliated Club	County	Amount provided	Comment
Connaught	Galway Kayaking Special Olympics Club	Galway	€ 1,734	Venue hire/advancement competition events costs
Connaught	Galway Tribes Special Olympics Club	Galway	€ 623	covid supplies, equipment bibs & balls

Connaught	Mountbellew Tigers Special Olympics Club	Galway	€ 1,756	venue/covid supplies/advancement competition events
Connaught	Sunshine Class, Creggs National School	Galway	€ 2,500	venue, covid supplies
Connaught	Team South Galway Special Olympics Club	Galway	€ 1,576	Additional bocce balls
Connaught	South Leitrim Special Olympics Club	Leitrim	€ 1,000	Small equipment/Covid related costs
Connaught	Longford Special Olympics Club	Longford	€ 2,500	Additional venue costs
Connaught	Croghan National School	Roscommon	€ 2,500	outdoor equipment, mats
Connaught	Nightriders Special Olympics Club	Sligo	€ 2,500	additional venue cost, extra sessions to accommodate numbers
Connaught	Sligo All Stars Special Olympics Club	Sligo	€ 2,024	venue, covid supplies, additional equipment
Connaught	Sligo Fairways Special Olympics Club	Sligo	€ 750	equipment, advancement competition
Eastern	Abbotstown Stars Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 900	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Blackrock Flyers Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 2,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Cheeverstown House	Dublin	€ 800	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	D6 Special Olympics Swimming Club	Dublin	€ 2,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Donabate Portrane Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 1,130	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Dundrum Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 750	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership)
Eastern	Gheel Autism Services, Fairview	Dublin	€ 2,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Jets Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 920	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Killester Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Knocklions Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 1,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Mighty Ravens Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 1,000	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Newpark Nemos Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 1,875	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	North City Striders Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Palmerstown Wildcats Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 960	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Phoenix Flyers Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 1,000	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)

Eastern	S.E.A.S.O.N Shuttles Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 1,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Speisialta Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 2,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	St Augustine's Sharks Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 1,300	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Stewarts Care	Dublin	€ 1,644	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Swords Basketball Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 2,500	Covid Related Costs - (New Basketballs)
Eastern	Tallaght Tornadoes Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 1,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Tivoli Tigers Special Olympics Gymnastics Club	Dublin	€ 2,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Viking Swimmers Special Olympics Club	Dublin	€ 1,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Freespirit Kayaking Special Olympics Club	Kildare	€ 700	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Arklow Vikings Special Olympics Club	Wicklow	€ 1,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Avondale All Stars SOC	Wicklow	€ 1,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Eastern	Blue Dolphins Special Olympics Club	Wicklow	€ 2,500	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Leinster	Delta Centre LTD	Carlow	€ 2,350	Covid Related Losses
Leinster	KARE	Kildare	€ 2,500	Extra Venue Costs
Leinster	Naas Special Olympics Club	Kildare	€ 2,500	Covid Related Costs & equipment
Leinster	Pitfield Special Olympics Riding Club	Kildare	€ 2,500	Extra Equipment needed
Leinster	Kilkenny Special Olympics Club	Kilkenny	€ 2,500	Covid Related Losses
Leinster	Laochra Laoise Laois Warriors Special	Laois	€ 2,500	Covid Related Costs
Leinster	Dundalk Special Olympics Club	Louth	€ 2,245	Extra Venue Costs
Leinster	Royal Rovers Special Olympics Club	Meath	€ 2,128	Covid Related Costs & equipment
Leinster	Camcor Warriors Special Olympics Club	Offaly	€ 2,500	Extra Venue Costs
Munster	Ennis Special Olympics Golf Club	Clare	€ 960	Covid Related Losses & equipment
Munster	Shannon Fliers SO Club	Clare	€ 2,200	Venue hire/advancement competition events/small equipment
Munster	St Clare's Special School	Clare	€ 2,500	Venue hire/advancement competition events costs
Munster	Beech Hill Table Tennis Club	Cork	€ 1,600	Venue hire costs

Munster	Cope Foundation	Cork	€ 2,500	Covid supplies, additional equipment
Munster	Doneraile Rockets	Cork	€ 2,500	Covid Related Losses & equipment
Munster	East Cork Abilities SO Club	Cork	€ 2,500	Advancement competition events Costs/Coach education
Munster	Inniscarra Blues SO Club	Cork	€ 2,500	Venue hire/advancement competition events/covid supplies
Munster	Leeside Legends SO Club	Cork	€ 1,500	Venue hire/covid supplies
Munster	Mallow United	Cork	€ 2,300	Covid Related Losses - (Loss of Membership fees)
Munster	New Wave SO Club	Cork	€ 2,500	Venue hire/coach education/small equipment
Munster	Owenabue SO Club	Cork	€ 2,500	Venue hire/advancement competition events/small equipment
Munster	Limerick City Special Olympics Club	Limerick	€ 2,500	Increased venue hire/advancement competition events/covid supplies
Munster	Limerick West SO Club	Limerick	€ 750	Venue hire/covid supplies
Munster	Brothers of Charity Services, Nagel Centre	Tipperary	€ 1,340	Increased venue hire/advancement competition events
Munster	Ormond SO Club	Tipperary	€ 2,000	Venue hire/coach education/ advancement competition events
Munster	Scoil Aonghusa	Tipperary	€ 2,500	Increased venue hire/ advancement competition events/covid supplies
Munster	Thurles Special Olympics Club	Tipperary	€ 1,850	Covid Related Losses/covid supplies
Munster	Tipperary Special Olympics Club	Tipperary	€ 2,500	Covid Related Losses/ advancement events/transport
Munster	Waterford Special Olympics Club	Waterford	€ 2,500	Venue hire/advancement competition events
Total Allocated			€ 123,665	

An amount of €216,335 is remaining in the Club Grant Funding allocated to Sport Ireland towards club grants. We continue to support and work closely with our clubs, especially those who have either postponed a return until September 2022 or are struggling to return due to lack of volunteers. A series of Volunteer Recruitment Fairs are planned in each region to support the recruitment of volunteers. Regional staff are engaging with all struggling clubs and working to provide the support required to get the club back to activity.

Any queries related to these grants should be directed to your local regional office at this [link](#).