



THIS IS
FOOTBALL'S
TIME





An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

Webinar 1:





WELCOME!

Sports Capital & Equipment Programme Webinar Series:

1. 'Why to Apply and Your Club's SCEP application' - Walter Holleran, FAI Head of Grant Funding & Infrastructure

Development

2. 'Financing your project and completion of your application' – Tracey Hannon, Clann Credo

"Why to Apply and Your Club's SCEP application"

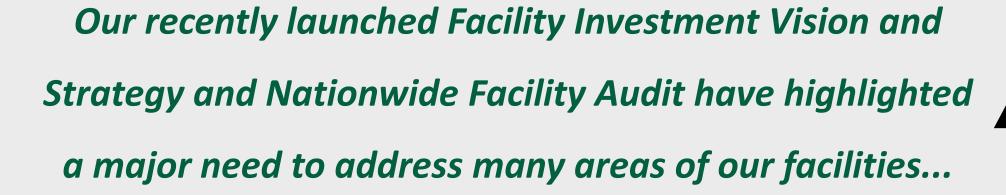
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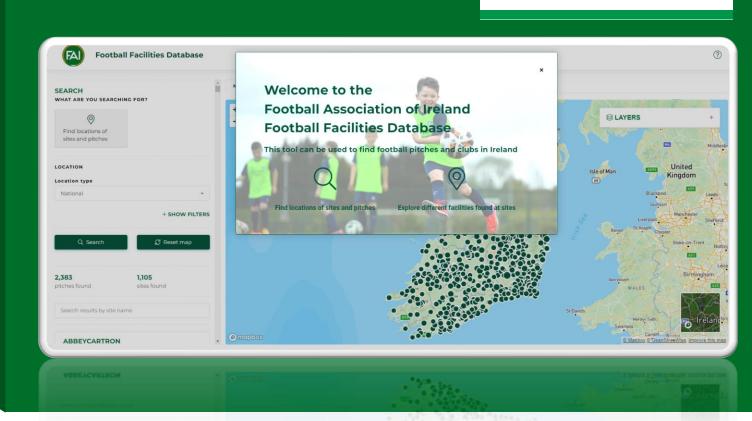


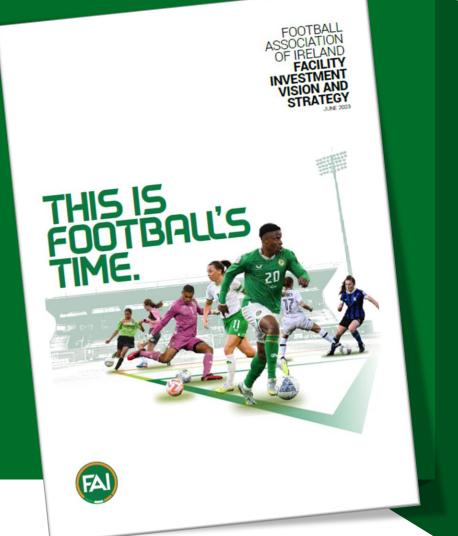
FAI - Facility Investment Vision and Strategy



Recent Launches

FAI – Football Facilities Database





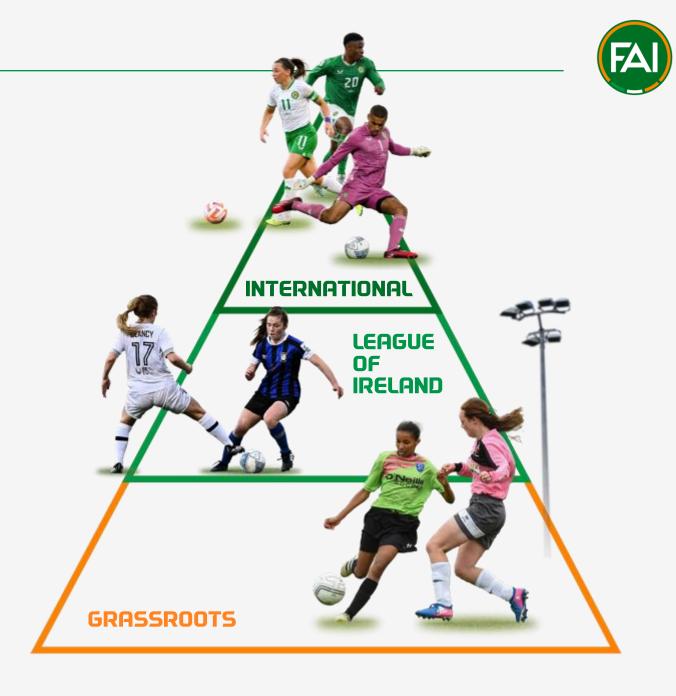
WHY APPLY? OUR VISION...

Our vision is to create infrastructure and facilities that enable Ireland's number one sport to thrive and deliver a truly transformational impact for Irish football and Irish society.

But we can only do this with the support of central and local government...

Sports Capital & Equipment Programme (SCEP) is one of these funding supports, and we urge all football clubs to apply for funding...

Without your applications, we cannot make the impact needed...



WHY APPLY? Our vision...



Our vision is to continue to develop football from the ground up, building on our status as the most popular participation sport in Ireland, by harnessing the powerful role grassroots clubs play within their communities.

To do this we need to deliver the fundamentals of a well-run and well-equipped community football club in a financial and environmentally conscious manner, which will need to incorporate:

- A fit-for-purpose supply and mix of grass and artificial pitches to meet demand, with at least one floodlit pitch in each facility
- High-quality infrastructure such as new goalposts and pitch maintenance equipment, all properly secured
- Safe and accessible changing room facilities (for both genders), with appropriate toilets and functioning showers for players and officials
- Basic food and beverage facilities, with communal spaces attached, allowing for indoor football and other sports to be played as well as community activity

WHAT WE NEED:



New grass pitches and upgrades to existing pitches



New artificial pitches and upgrades to existing pitches



New Floodlights



New and upgraded clubhouses and changing rooms (for all).



More community-ready facilities

The FAI Grassroots Club Mark scheme will be at the heart of these changes, with every club needing to have the Club Mark by the end of 2025, to ensure proper use and oversight of any new monies for facility development

WHY APPLY? Our vision...



Standardised facilities at the heart of local communities, which deliver a positive and lasting impact and can be scaled up depending on the size of the individual club and are developed to be environmentally sustainable and future-proofed.



Meeting Demand

- One grass pitch (minimum)
- One artificial pitch with floodlights capable of use for different sized pitches (11v11, 9v9, 7v7 & 5v5) for clubs with a developed underage structure or planning to have one

Quality Experiences

- Fit for purpose changing rooms separated for boys/girls, men/women
- Referee rooms
- Suitable and safe parking
- Safe drop-off zones
- Sustainability measures inc.
 EV charging points, energy efficiency measures
- Perimeter fencing
- Safe storage

Community Engagement

- Indoor hall for multi-sport usage
- Food and beverage facilities
- Community spaces
- Walking track around the perimeter (for wider community use)

Inclusive For All

- Designated accessible parking spaces and disability access throughout
- Safe and accessible for all changing rooms and toilets
- Storage for specialist Football For All equipment

WHY APPLY? The Survey Feedback

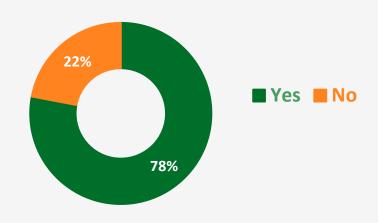


40% of our grassroots clubs have not yet accessed the SCEP fund.

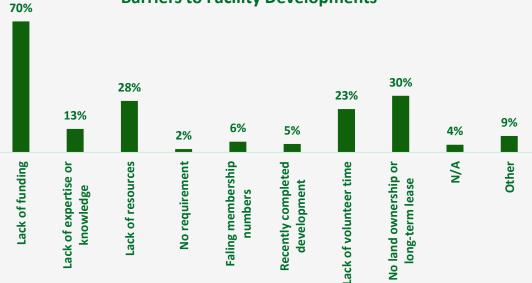
Our Facilities Survey clearly showed the appetite to increase standards but highlights the significant challenges that need to be addressed:

- Too many of our grassroots clubs do not have any form of community-focused clubhouse - only 10% of clubs have access to an indoor hall, limiting the ability of clubs to act as genuine community hubs.
- 55% of clubs do not own their facilities and rely on leases. Half of these leases are for less than 15 years.
- 27% of clubs have leases for less than one-year meaning general financial uncertainty and instability.
- 31% of clubs are required to operate out of secondary facilities in order to meet the required pitch demand for training and matches which undermines the desire for a true community experience.
- Women's football has experienced exponential growth. However, of the 670 clubs who offer women and girls football 60% have less than five teams, indicating that general capacity challenges are holding back growth in this key area.

Grassroots Clubs with Plans for Future Development



Barriers to Facility Developments



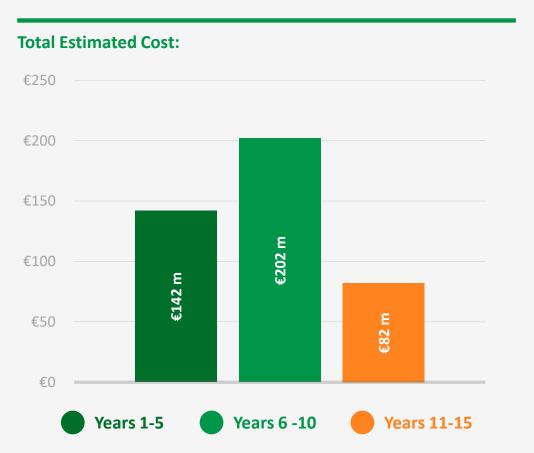
GRASSROOTS: OUR REALITY - OUR VISION - OUR FUTURE



A GRASSROOTS FACILITY INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

This is football's time to realise our full potential within our communities via a comprehensive and radical reset of grassroots facilities:

Facility	Projects	Cost
Regional HQs	8 centres @ €6m	€48.0m
Community Club Hubs/ Centres of Excellence	32 (4 per region) @ €2m	€64.0m
New Grass Pitches	128 (16 per region) @ €150k	€19.2m
Upgrades to Grass Pitches	640 (80 per region) @ €50k average	€32.0m
New Artificial Pitches (inc. SSG*)	48 (6 per region) @ €500k	€24.0m
Upgrades to Artificial Pitches	128 @ €400k	€51.2m
New Floodlights (inc. SSG*)	480 (60 per region) @ €125k	€60.0m
New Clubhouses/Changing Rooms	128 (16 per region) @ €750k average	€96.0m
Upgraded Clubhouses/Changing Rooms	640 (80 per region) @ €50k average	€32.0m
15-YEAR TOTAL		€426.4m



NOTE: Price estimates are outlined in the appendix and costed at 2023 rates.

^{*} This figure includes facilities to support the Small Sided Game (SSG) e.g. 5 a side Cages in urban communities.

FAI

Your SCEP GRANT

APPLICATION







What is Sports Capital (SCEP)





"The Sports Capital & Equipment Programme (SCEP) is a grant scheme to assist in the development of sports facilities and the provision of sports equipment throughout the country."

Funding Available:

- Capital Works:
 - Up to a Max: €200,000 (must have at least 15-year lease remaining)
- Capital Works (Short Lease):
 - Up to a Max: €70,000 (Lease between 5-15 years remaining)
- Equipment:
 - ➤ Equipment grants of **€70,000**
- Capital plus Equipment:
 - ➤ Up to a Max: €200,000 (must have at least a 15-year lease remaining)

Grants awarded are up to 95% funded!

1st Step: Register @ OSCAR





OSCAR (Online Sports Capital Register) is the first step to your application.

Register your Club (if not already completed) to avoid delays.

- A guide on how to register can be found <u>HERE</u>
- A Tax Registration Number (TRN) is required.
- If your Club/League does not currently have a TRN, obtaining one is simple. Complete the 1 page ' Registration Form for voluntary non-profit making organisations'
- If you previously applied for the SCEP you do not need to register again.
- If the registered contact person has changed, contact your local number (listed below) to update this information.
- Register at OSCAR www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie

Treasurer

Chairperson 2. **Technical Duties**

1. Finance Duties

(Planning permission, Quotes)

(Bank statement / Loan offer)

Create a **Small** Group!



Secretary

3. Title / Ownership

(Title from Solicitor)





Plan Your Submission!





<u>Create a project plan on your submission:</u>

- ✓ Review all your active projects and select the most appropriate one for your application.
- ✓ Multiple projects must be prioritised.
- ✓ Not all submissions need to be major developments do it in phases.
 - ✓ i.e. Pitch renovations, floodlights, etc.
- ✓ Equipment grants is a great alternative if you do not own the land €70,000!

Project Ideas:







Clubhouse Development





Your \Application





DEADLINE IS SEPT 8th 2023

Preparing Your Application:

- ✓ Register and start early!
- ✓ Only way to apply is here <u>www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie</u>

Before you begin: REVIEW THE FOLLOWING:

- √ "2023 Guide To Making An Application"
- ✓ Watch the Application Guide video HERE
- ✓ Follow and examine the **2020 Scoring System** for ease of applying.

What is Funded?





What IS Funded



- ✓ Natural grass pitches (including pitch drainage)
- Irrigations systems (including rainwater harvesting)
- ✓ LED Floodlighting
- ✓ Artificial pitches and multi-use games areas
- ✓ Fitness studios
- ✓ Security fencing, CCTV Systems,
- ✓ Ball stop netting and goal posts.
- √ Walking/jogging tracks
- ✓ Building or refurbishment of dressing rooms, showers and toilets
- ✓ Building or refurbishment of sports halls, gyms or fitness studios
- Modifications to sports facilities to improve access for people with disabilities.
- ✓ Modifications to sports facilities to <u>reduce energy consumption</u>

What is NOT Funded



- X Running or Operational costs
- X Viewing stands
- X Non-LED Floodlights
- X Car parks, roads or landscaping
- X Children's Playgrounds
- X Bars, kitchens, sleeping accommodation, offices or other parts of a project that have little or no sporting content
- X Projects (or elements of projects) where work has already commenced.
- X Routine maintenance (including the resurfacing of artificial pitches funded by the SCP in the last 10 years)
- X The purchase of land or buildings

Up to €200,000 Funded with 95% allocation of award!

EQUIPMENT - €70,000





Equipment Funded

- ✓ Goalposts,
- ✓ Dugouts
- ✓ Defibrillator,
- ✓ Sets of Jerseys,
- ✓ Corner Flags,
- ✓ Bibs,
- ✓ Footballs (including Match Footballs),

- ✓ Lawnmower (max €40,000),
- ✓ Pitch Liner,
- ✓ Nets,
- ✓ Gym equipment (e.g. treadmill),
- ✓ other training equipment (check with SCEP)
- ✓ Storage Containers (Less than 25m²)

Clubs who do not own or have no long-term agreement in place, should apply for an Equipment Grant.

Up to €70,000 available with 95% allocation of award.

^{*}All gym equipment funded must be accessible to people with disabilities

Common Pitfalls!





Learn from past mistakes:

- 1. Title/Access Requirements 55% of failures.
 - title/access templates (appendix 4 and 5) have not been provided, amended, not signed, not dated or not fully completed
- 2. Evidence of Own Funding 21% of failures.
 - loan offer or bank statements not provided, provided without the applicant's name or not dated within 3 months of the application deadline.
- 3. Insufficient own funding 8% of failures.
 - Project not suited to budget of Club/League
- 4. Applications started too late and ran out of time!

✓ START EARLY AND PLAN YOUR SUBMISSION.



- The Department will now notify you if an error is made and seek correction from you.
- In the past you would've been eliminated from the process.





Sample Submission VIDEO GUIDE

Awaiting Updated 2023 video guide from the Sports Capital Department





















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OSCAR - Online Sports Capital Register

Sports Capital Programme

Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

New Road

Killarney

Co. Kerry

A list of officers dealing with each county is available by

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Welcome to the Sports Capital Programme Portal

The Sports Capital and Equipment Programme (SCEP) is operated by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and provides grants to assist in the development or refurbishment of sports facilities and the provision of sports equipment. It is part funded from the proceeds of the National Lottery.

This portal is used to apply for funding and manage the drawdown of grants. Please avoid using the firefox browser.

The 2023 round of the Programme will be open for applications from 9am on Monday 17th July 2023 until 5pm on Friday 8th September 2023. The deadline for registration is 5pm on Friday 25th August 2023.

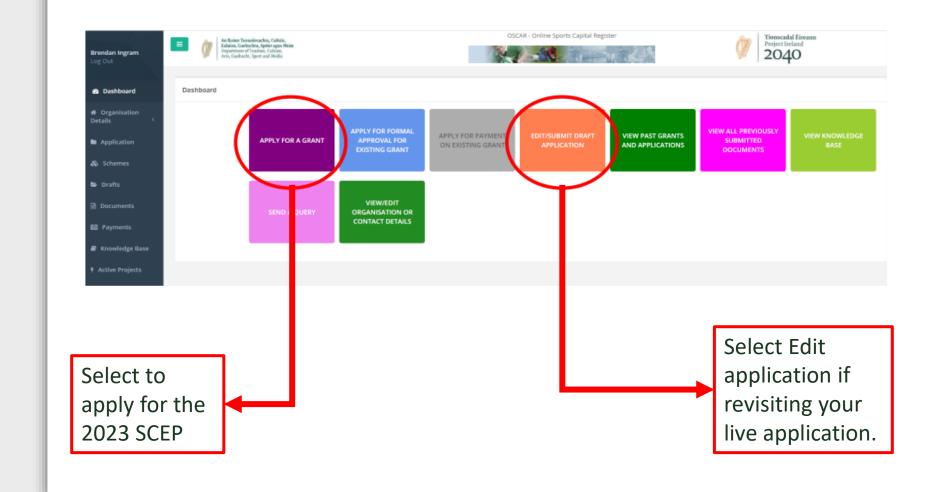
2023 Sports Capital Programme

Useful Links.

- 1. A guide to registration is available. ORGANISATIONS ONLY NEED TO REGISTER ONCE FOR ALL ROUNDS OF THE PROGRAMME
- 2. Frequently Asked Questions about the Programme
- 3. The 2023 Guide to making an application
- 4. A video guide to making an application
- 5. The 2020 Sports Capital Programme Scoring System and Assessment Procedures
- 6. The Sports Capital Programme Guide to Accessible Gym Equipment. For more information, Cara Sport Inclusion Ireland have created resource Factsheets (link is external) on how to make your sports facilities, equipment and activities more accessible to people with disabilities (this link is to an external website and the information and views are not those of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media).
- 7. A series of guides on how to get your grant paid

Department's Data Protection Policy







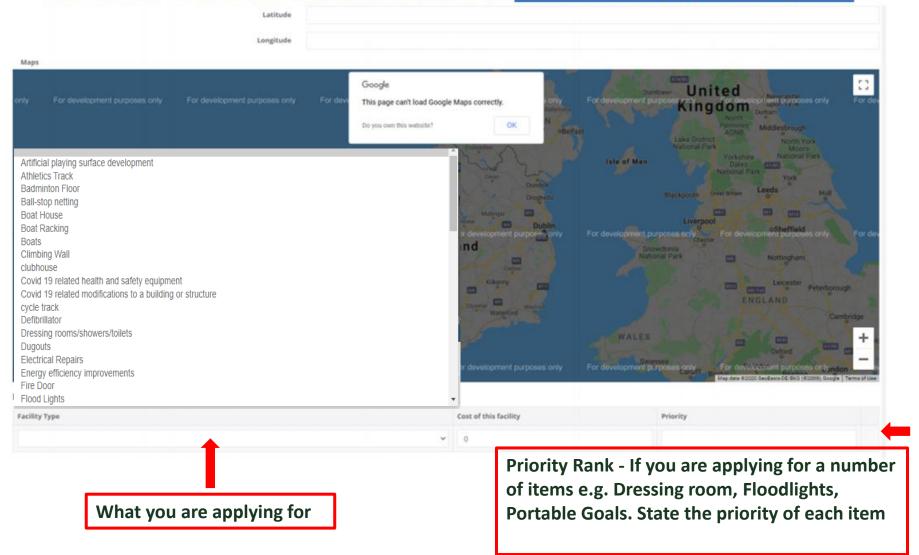
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1. Project Details 2. Membership 3. Site Management 4. Own Funding 5. Plan	aning & Title / Access 6. Evidence of Sharing 7. Summary & Submission 8. Documents & Bank Details	
Project Title (50 characters maximum)		
Project Summary (800 characters maximum)		
Social Media Accounts (Please provide details of website address, Facebook page, Twitter username, Youtube channel name)	· ·	
Enter the Eircode or Address to auto populate	Search	
Facility Address 1	National Sports Campus	
Facility Address 2	Abbotstown	
Facility Address 3		
County	Dublin	
Eircode	Dublin 15	
Zoom in on the map and click on the location of your project (the satellite version may be easier to use). Alternatively, you can enter the longitude and latitude. It is vital that you accurately locate your facility on the map as scoring for disadvantaged status will be based on the location you choose.		

Keep it simple e.g. New Dressing rooms

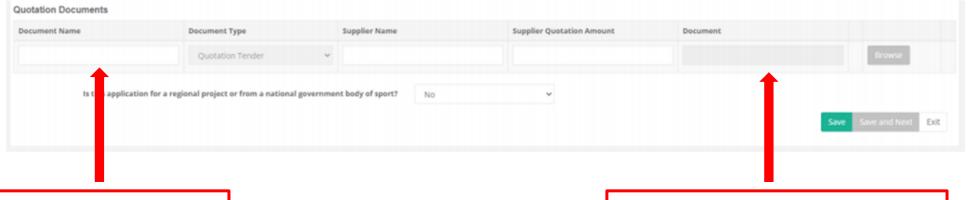
Why you are doing the project.
What effect the project will have on participation e.g. with new dressing rooms we can increase the number of female teams we have.

Explain what the project is.









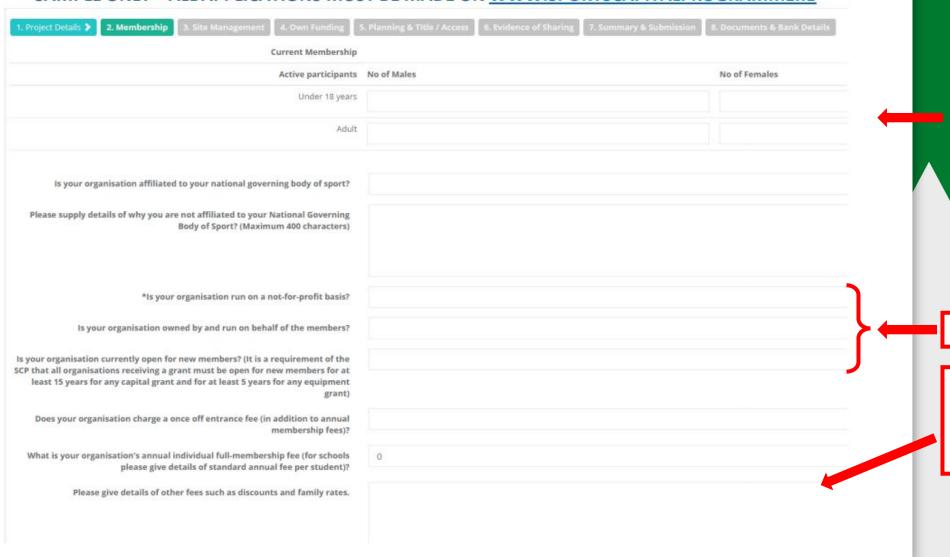
Insert document name e.g. Quote for Dressing Rooms

Upload quote document. For a Capital Project, ensure that it is a detailed quote on the suppliers headed paper.

If you can, do the same for Equipment quotes, but a copy of a website page is also sufficient.

All quotes <u>must</u> be within 3 months of making the application.



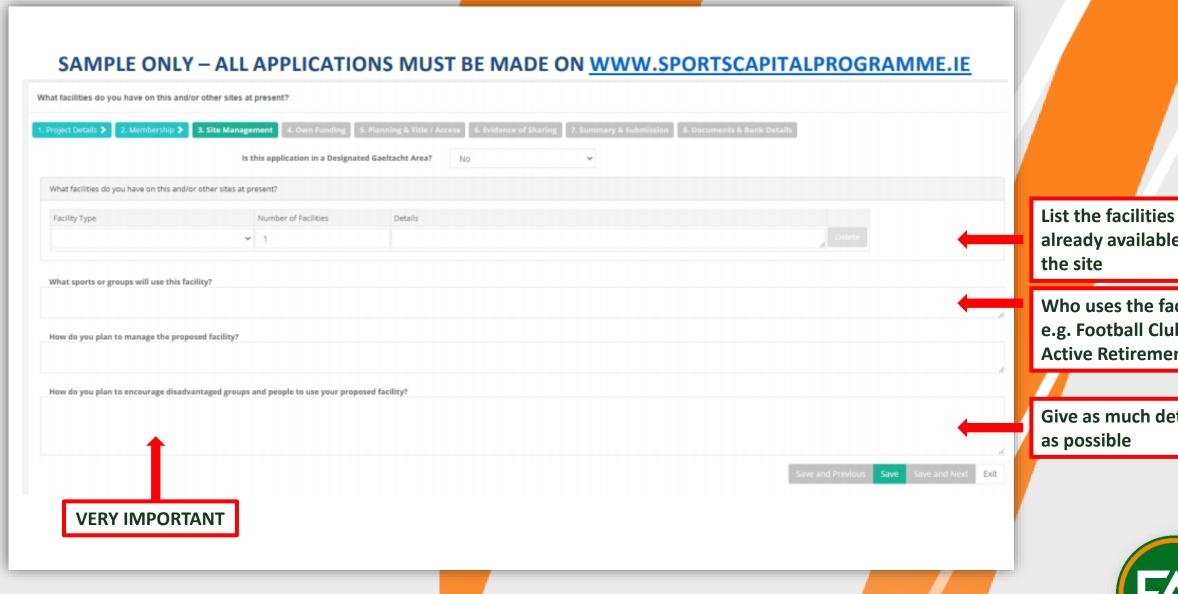


Must be filled in even if its zero

Must be 'Yes'

E.g. discounts for families, Unemployed, Children, Retired





already available at

Who uses the facility e.g. Football Club, **Active Retirement,**

Give as much detail



SAMPLE ONLY – ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE ON <u>WWW.SPORTSCAPITALPROGRAMME.IE</u> Own Funding 3. Site Management 🗲 4. Own Funding 5. Planning & Title / Access 6. Evidence of Sharing 7. Summary & Submission 8. Documents & Bank Details Savings Institution Name(s) Amount of Savings (available towards the project) Borrowings Institution Name(s) Amount of Borrowings (available towards the project) **Total Own Funding plus** Total Own Funding the amount of funding applied for must be equal How much funding are you applying for? or above the project cost Upload evidence of the own funding listed above Download Loan Offer Document Template Document Type Bank / Fin. Inst. Name Account Number Date of Statement **Loan Offer Template** Must be within 3 available to download months of application



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Templates HERE!

If planning permission is not required make sure to complete Appendix 2 and upload it as points will be awarded for this.



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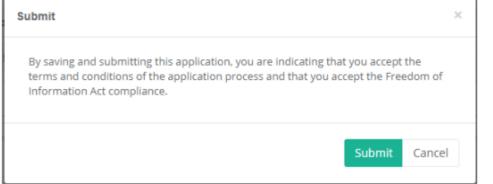
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List groups you are sharing facility with.

For the groups listed above you must include a license agreement

include but not limited to

- Who gets to use the facility and when!
- Who Covers Insurance.
- Who is responsible for maintenance.
- Who pays the bills.
- What charges are in place.





EXTRA MARKS HERE! BE SMART!

SUMMARY





- ✓ Start Early! Save Often!
- **✓** Have the "2023 application guide" to hand when completing your application
- **✓** Focus on the 2020 scoring system for key scoring areas
- ✓ Quality Submissions <u>Answer All Questions</u>.

VITAL:

- Show your demand for female participation. THIS IS A MUST!
- Encourage the sharing of sports facilities.
- **Prioritise the needs of disadvantaged areas and groups (such as people with disabilities).**
- Focus on Climate Action and Sustainability measures.



CONTRCT





Your Local Sport Capital Contact

Telephone Number County

085 8583088 Carlow & Waterford

085 8768032 Cavan, Donegal & Longford

085 8768033 Clare & Mayo

085 8583055 Cork

085 8012824/085 8769470 Dublin

085 8583102 Galway & Louth

085 8012864 Kerry, Limerick & Monaghan

085 8805606 Kildare, Sligo & Tipperary

085 8583303 Kilkenny & Offaly

085 8525141 Leitrim, Meath, Roscommon & Westmeath

085 8012866 Wexford & Laois

085 8054728 Wicklow

085 8012824/085 8049667 All local authorities

085 7479404, 085 852 8917 Regional & National Projects

For Specific Questions/Problems – phone your local area contact

Our Expert Contacts



- ✓ FAI Facilities Department FURTHER SUPPORT
- ✓ Clann Credo FINANCE OPTION
- **✓** Hayden Turfcare NATURAL TURF CONSULTANT
- ✓ <u>SportsLabs</u> ARTIFICIAL TURF CONSULTANT
- **✓** AWL Architects ARCHITECT
- ✓ <u>Electric Skyline</u> FLOODLIGHTING CONTRACTOR
- ✓ **GoalPost Ireland Ltd. EQUIPMENT SPECIALISTS**

Or email Facilities@FAI.ie for any questions or further details!





"Financing your project and application support"

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COMING UP!







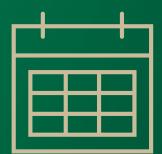
Webinar Series Dates

Webinar 1: Wed 19th July. 6PM

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- Financing your project and application support. Clann Credo Tracey Hannon.
- **Q&A** session



- Natural Grass Pitch Development and how to control your project *Hayden Turfcare Richard* Hayden.
- Artificial Turf Pitch Projects and update on microplastic ban SportsLabs Eric O'Donnell/Niall McPhee.
- Clubhouse Development suitable to your vision. Architect Workshop Limited Olan Crowley.
- **Q&A** session
- Webinar 3: Fri 21st July. 6PM
- LED Floodlight installations and upgrades *Electric Skyline Limited: Sean Corcoran/Cormac McNally*.
- Equipment: Goal posts, Dugouts, and Accessories for your Club Goal Post Ireland Limited: Sean Tobin/ Andy McLoughlin.
- **Q&A** session









UPCOMING REGIONAL WEBINARS:



Region:	Areas:	Date/Time:
Club Mark Clubs	Nationwide Club Mark Clubs Only	8th Aug / 6pm
Region 1	North Dublin, East Meath	3rd Aug / 6pm
Region 2	South Dublin, Wicklow, North Kildare	9th Aug / 6pm
Region 3	Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford, South Tipp	26th Jul / 6pm
Region 4	Cork	27th Jul / 6pm
Region 5	Kerry, Limerick, Clare, North Tipp	25th Jul / 6pm
Region 6	Longford, Westmeath, Offaly, Laois, Kildare	1st Aug / 6pm
Region 7	Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan, Meath, Louth	2nd Aug / 6pm
Region 8	Connacht	24th Jul / 6pm

Contact your local FAI Development Officer or FAI Regional Manager for more details.

Or email FAI.ie for a particular Region you wish to log on to.



SCEP DEADLINES!



✓Application Closes - 5pm 8th September.







Number of SCEP Applications by Sport; 2015-2020



Total SCEP Funding Received by Sport; 2015-2020



SUBMIT!





IT'S VITAL OUR CLUBS SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING!



BEST OF FAI LUCK! **Details**: Facilities@FAI.ie An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán **Facility Development Department** Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media