

26th November 2020

Dear Clubs,

RE: Swim Ireland Club Resilience Fund – Round 2

As you will be aware In June 2020, the Government approved an investment programme of up to €70 million to support the sports sector.

This investment programme has been allocated through four targeted grant schemes; Scheme 3 relates to a Sports Club Resilience Fund of up to €15 million to support clubs and we were very fortunate to receive a total of €500k to support our clubs through this scheme and have since awarded 38 clubs funding ranging from a total of €3k up to €29k from this fund.

We are aware that the financial situation for our clubs may have changed since August and are pleased to announce we are launching a second round of applications for clubs. As part of the second phase we will be running two application processes for clubs in the ROI.

1. COVID-19 Related expenses - Clubs can apply for up to €1,500 to cover the cost of any COVID-19 related expenses, such as sanitiser, face masks, face shields, cleaning equipment etc. This must be equipment purchased to provide a safe return to the sport for your members and receipts/proof of purchase will be required

* Please note clubs who received grant funding from LSP's for this expenditure are not eligible to apply under this application process

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2. Resilience Funding – Clubs can apply for grants up to €5k to support any financial hardship currently being experienced due to COVID-19. This scheme is designed to support clubs in financially supporting their sporting activities only and not one to replace lost income from ancillary activities such as hospitality, subletting or other non-sporting commercial activity. The funding available is specifically targeted at clubs who are experiencing immediate financial hardship and are facing the threat of closure due to financial pressure. Once you have taken into account the extent of the club's reserves and other sources of revenue/supports available to you, if you feel that your club is not at risk of closure, please do not apply for this particular funding source.

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* Please note clubs may only apply for one of these funds and clubs who received grant funding from the first round of applications are not eligible to apply for either grant.

All clubs are expected to have taken whatever action were possible to reduce their outgoings through this difficult time. Such actions will be considered in the assessment of the applications.

Swim Ireland now opens the application process for this second round of funding and welcomes clubs application for submission. Clubs should spend time in preparing detailed responses to the questions and provide the required information/documents as incomplete applications will not be considered.

Clubs should take note of the following:

- A completed application form is not a guarantee of funding from this source as all applications will be assessed by Swim Ireland against strict criteria issued from Sport Ireland
- As we are anticipating a large number of clubs applying for this fund, demand may very well exceed the available funds and clubs may therefore not be awarded the full amount requested
- Only clubs who meet the affiliation requirements and are currently affiliated to Swim Ireland will be eligible to receive funding through the Resilience Fund
- No Canvassing permitted. Clubs may contact their support officer for guidance on completing form, any club found to be campaigning for funds will be automatically excluded
- At a later stage, clubs may be asked to submit additional information in support of their application
- Swim Ireland may change the funding application process or conditions at any stage should the requirements from Sport Ireland determine this

All applications must be received through the online form by 5pm on Wednesday 9th December

DATA PROTECTION: The information collected will only be used for the purpose of processing your request for the Resilience Fund and will only be shared with Sport Ireland.

For more information please contact your regional contact:

Connacht Clubs – Vincent Finn (vincentfinn@swimireland.ie)

Leinster Clubs – Aisling McKeever (aislingmckeeper@swimireland.ie)

Munster Clubs - Damien Fitzpatrick (damienfitzpatrick@swimireland.ie)

Water Polo Clubs – Sarah Kelly (sarahkelly@swimireland.ie)

Your sincerely,



Adam Cox

Head of Clubs, Community and Competitions

Application Questions – Resilience Grant Funding

(These are for club reference only and all applications must be made through the online application form which can be found [here](#))

General Details

1. Name of Club
2. Name of individual applying on behalf of club
3. Contact Details of individual applying
4. I can confirm I have been authorised to apply for a grant on behalf of my club (Tick Box)

Funding information

5. How much funding is the club applying for? (Up to €5k)
6. Please provide Profit/(Loss) amount to year/month end 31/08/2020.
7. Please attach annual or month end accounts to 31/08/2020
8. Please provide Profit/(Loss) to year/month end 31/08/2019: -
9. Please attach annual or month end accounts to 31/08/2019 –
10. Please provide details and amounts on the levels of current reserves held to year/month end 31/08/2020:
11. How long operations could continue under the current circumstances if reserves were used for this purpose and no grant support was forthcoming, or how reserves have been used to date to support club operations.
12. Please provide details of Balance at bank at 31/08/**2020**:
 - Bank 1. –
 - Bank 2. –
 - Bank 3. –
13. Please ensure all bank accounts are listed and please attach corresponding bank statements
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16. Please provide projected Profit/(Loss) Budget **2020/2021**:
17. Please attach 2020/2021 budget, please ensure all rows/columns are readable
18. Please explain how the club has operated/operates with good financial procedures in place.
19. If successful for funding what will this funding be used for?

By ticking this box, you can confirm all the following:

All information contained in this application, including the supporting documentation provided is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate and we confirm that this financial support will be spent as described in the application.

Acknowledge that this application will be subject to monitoring / auditing and undertake to keep adequate records for this purpose. (Monitoring process will be issued to successful clubs at a later date)

We will inform Swim Ireland promptly of any significant changes to the information supplied in this document.

That deliberately providing wrong or misleading information is an offence and such information may be used against us in any subsequent investigation and render this application invalid.