

Sport Ireland Announces €2.5 million Boost to Swimming Pool Operators

Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media, Catherine Martin TD and Minister of State for Sport and the Gaeltacht, Jack Chambers TD, today announced a €2.5 million funding package for swimming pool operators across the country.

Sport Ireland appointed Ireland Active, the representative body for the leisure, health and fitness sector to administer the swimming pool grant scheme, supported by partners Swim Ireland.

Minister Martin said: *“While it is appreciated that this is a difficult time for swimming pool operators across the country, the funding announced today will provide financial stability to the sector in the uncertain months ahead. Earlier this year, I announced a significant increase in the budget for sport in 2021. This will also provide further resilience to the sport sector as we look to emerge from the current crisis.”*

Minister Chambers added: *“Swimming Pool operators have demonstrated their resilience throughout the pandemic. It is important that this resilience continues into the weeks and months ahead as we look to emerge from this crisis. The funding announced today will assist swimming pool operators in getting everyone active and keeping them active. This has never been more important and is essential for our physical and mental wellbeing.”*

It has been recognised that the changing environment of restrictions has resulted in uncertainty and difficulty in planning for swimming pool operators across the country. This has been taken into consideration by Government with funds being ring-fenced specifically to address this issue.

Chief Executive of Sport Ireland, John Treacy, said: *“The 2019 Irish Sports Monitor highlighted swimming to be the second most popular sport amongst adults with 300,000 participating each week. Swimming pools provide a vital resource for clubs and communities across the country. Swimming greatly contributes to the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities right across the country and I look forward to seeing pools reopen and people returning to the water in line with public health advice”.*

Speaking on today’s announcement, Joe Cosgrove, Chairperson of Ireland Active said: *“The funding being allocated today will provide relief for swimming pool operators who have been severely hit by the pandemic. This investment will help swimming pool operators continue to provide safe and essential services which is vital to sustain swimming and maintain high physical activity levels. The recognition of Government around the operational and financial difficulties, with the high energy costs of maintaining swimming pools whilst closed, and the challenges of re-opening with reduced capacities is appreciated. It will provide some much-needed financial assistance to the entire sector and has given organisations the confidence to continue trading through these difficult times”.*

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Information note:

A steering group was established to ensure adequate controls are in place for the distribution of funding. The steering group includes members from Sport Ireland, Ireland Active and Swim Ireland who reviewed applications for funding.

The following applicants have been deemed eligible for receipt of the COVID-19 swimming pool grant fund 2020 subject to adherence to terms and conditions. Applicants can contact Ireland Active info@irelandactive.ie for any queries

Facility Name	Grant Allocation
1escape Health Club	€10,825
4Fit Leisure Club	€8,333
Abbey Health & Fitness	€6,357
Active Ennis Leisure Complex	€14,777
Active Fitness & Leisure	€10,395
Actons Hotel Leisure Centre	€5,928
ALSAA Sports & Leisure Centre	€10,481
Anner Hotel Leisure Centre	€7,904
Aqua Dome	€11,856
Aquila Club	€11,684
Ardilaun Leisure Club	€8,591
Askeaton Pool and Leisure (Coral Leisure)	€12,371
Athlone Regional Sports Centre	€10,997
Aura Carrick Leisure Centre	€10,653
Aura DePaul Leisure Centre	€8,935
Aura Drogheda Leisure Centre	€10,481
Aura Dundalk Leisure Centre	€10,825
Aura Grove Island Leisure Centre	€10,481
Aura Letterkenny Leisure Centre	€12,543
Aura Navan Leisure Centre	€10,137
Aura Trim Leisure Centre	€9,278
Aura Tullamore Leisure Centre	€10,653
Aura Youghal Leisure Centre	€11,512
Avena Leisure	€7,818
Azure Leisure Club	€11,254
B.fit Fitness & Leisure Club	€5,584
Bailieborough Swimming & Leisure Centre	€9,107
Ballina Swimming Pool	€7,302
Ballinakill Outdoor Swimming Pool	€7,302
Ballybunion Health and Leisure Centre	€9,107
Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Golf & Leisure Complex	€7,990
Ballymun Sport and Fitness Centre	€10,395

Ballyshannon Leisure Centre	€10,309
Banna Leisure Club	€7,131
Bawnmore Pool	€8,247
Beech Health Club & Spa	€7,990
Birr Leisure Centre	€7,818
Bloomfield House Hotel Leisure Centre	€6,615
Brandon Hotel Leisure Centre	€5,670
Brandon House Hotel Leisure Centre	€6,100
Breaffy Leisure Centre	€10,739
Brookfield Leisure Centre	€8,505
Butterfield Wellness Centre	€5,069
Carlow Graiguecullen Swimming Pool	€9,880
Carrickdale Leisure Centre	€6,100
Castle Leisure Club, The Westport Plaza and Castlecourt Hotel Resort	€8,162
Castle Leisure Club, Barcastle Industries Ltd	€5,241
Castle Park Swim Academy	€10,052
Castlerosse Park Resort	€5,670
Cavan Swimming & Leisure Complex	€10,567
Celtic Ross Hotel & Leisure Centre	€4,983
Central Hotel Leisure Centre	€6,615
Clanree Hotel Leisure Centre	€7,302
Claremorris Leisure Centre	€11,942
Clayton Hotel Galway Leisure Centre	€6,100
Clifden Station House Leisure Centre	€6,787
Clondalkin Leisure Centre	€13,230
Clonea Strand Hotel	€6,443
Clonmel Park Hotel Leisure Center	€9,880
Clonmel Swimming Pool	€10,481
Club Amber, Amber Springs Hotel	€6,100
Club Ashdown, Ashdown Park Hotel	€6,186
Club Maritime	€7,045
Club Minella	€9,794
Club Santé Leisure Club	€6,271
Club Vitae Maldron Hotel Portlaoise	€9,966
Club Vitae, Crimmins Hotels & Leisure	€5,756
Club Vitae Cardiff Lane	€7,474
Club Vitae Clayton Hotel Cork City	€7,388
Club Vitae Clayton Whites Hotel	€6,959

Club Vitae Leisure Club, Maldron Hotel, Wexford	€6,443
Club Vitae Liffey Valley	€6,615
Club Vitae Maldron Hotel Cork	€8,935
Club Vitae Maldron Hotel Tallaght	€6,787
Club Vitae Oranmore	€7,732
Club Vitae Sligo	€9,364
Club Vitae, Clayton Hotel Limerick	€5,584
Club Whitford Leisure Centre	€9,021
ClubV, Redbarn, Youghal, Co Cork	€7,818
Coast Leisure Center	€5,928
Coolmine Sports Complex	€8,162
Coral Leisure Arklow	€9,107
Coral Leisure Ballinasloe	€10,739
Coral Leisure Cobh	€10,481
Coral Leisure Longford	€11,426
Coral Leisure Monaghan LTD	€11,512
Coral Leisure Tuam	€10,997
Coral Leisure Wicklow Ltd	€9,794
Core Fitness	€9,278
Crumlin Swimming Pool	€11,684
Crystal Leisure Centre	€10,653
DCU Sport	€10,997
Dingle Skellig Leisure Club	€7,474
District Health & Leisure	€8,849
DkIT Sport Leisure Centre	€6,014
DLR Leisure Loughlinstown	€10,309
DLR Leisure Meadowbrook	€8,419
DLR Leisure Monkstown	€11,340
Dromoland Leisure Centre	€6,701
Druids Glen Health Club - Druids Glen Hotel & Golf Resort	€7,818
Dunmanway Swimming Pool	€9,966
Dunmore Leisure Co t/a Woodlands Hotel	€6,100
Dunraven Arms Leisure Centre	€5,412
Earagail Health Club	€7,560
Edenderry Swimming Pool	€9,107
Energize Fitness & Leisure	€6,787
Evolve Health and Fitness Club	€7,474
Faithlegg Estuary Club	€5,756
Falls Hotel & Spa	€7,302
Farnham Estate Spa and Golf Resort	€7,818

Felda Health Fitness & Spa	€7,818
Fermoy Leisure Centre	€12,887
Ferrycarrig Active	€6,959
Finglas Leisure Centre	€12,199
Finn Valley Leisure Centre	€10,481
Fitzgeralds Woodlands House Hotel (Leisure Centre)	€6,443
Fitzpatricks Castle Fitness Centre	€9,364
Fota Island Spa	€8,162
Funtasia	€5,756
Garryvoe Hotel Health Club	€7,388
Glenroyal Leisure Club	€11,684
Glenview Health & Leisure Club	€8,677
GN Ballykisteen Hotel Leisure Centre	€5,928
Gold Coast Golf Hotel Leisure Centre	€5,412
Greenhills Hotel and Leisure Centre	€7,560
Gym Plus Ashbourne	€8,247
Gym Plus Clarendon St.	€6,701
Gym Plus Drogheda	€8,076
Gym Plus Naas	€8,763
Gym Plus Rathfarnham	€9,278
Gym Plus Swords	€9,794
Healthquarters Leisure Centre	€7,045
HiB Fitness	€7,646
Hillgrove Hotel	€7,302
Hilton Dublin Kilmainham LivingWell Health Club	€8,076
Holyrood Hotel	€6,271
Hotel Woodstock Leisure Club	€7,474
Inish Beg Swimming Pool	€3,866
Inn at Dromoland Leisure Club	€7,646
Inspire Fitness Centre	€10,395
Integral Fitness and Leisure Bettystown	€8,505
Integral Fitness and Leisure Drogheda	€7,646
Iveagh Baths	€9,192
J6 Swim	€6,443
Jacksons Hotel Leisure Centre	€8,849
K Leisure ATHY	€10,653
K Leisure NAAS	€11,684
Kells Swimming Pool	€10,137
Kelly's Aqua Club	€9,536
Kenmare Bay Hotel and Leisure Center	€8,419

Kerry Sports Academy	€8,419
Kilcornan Swimming Pool	€7,732
Kilkenny Active	€7,646
Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel, Leisure Club & KO Spa	€8,849
Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre	€12,199
Killarney Towers Leisure Centre, O' Donoghue Ring Hotels.	€6,787
Killashee Hotel, Leisure Club and Spa	€10,739
Kilmovee Swimming & Aqua Sports	€5,756
Kilronan Castle Leisure Centre	€5,241
Kingfisher Club NUI Galway	€13,746
Kingfisher Club Renmore	€11,340
Kingfisher Club Waterford	€12,199
Kinsale Hotel & Spa	€7,904
Knightsbrook Leisure Centre	€7,560
Lakeside Leisure Centre	€7,302
Leeside Leisure Cork	€6,443
Leisure Centre @ the Parkavon Hotel	€4,725
Leisure Complex at Lough Lannagh	€12,371
Leisureland	€13,058
LeisureWorld Bishopstown	€15,292
LeisureWorld Churchfield	€12,027
Lough Eske Castle Hotel & Leisure Facilities	€5,069
Maldron Hotel Limerick Club Vitae	€5,670
Mallow Swimming Pool Complex	€11,254
Manor West Leisure Club	€7,646
Marian College Swimming Pool	€7,990
Mayfield Sports Complex	€10,137
Mespil Swimming Pool	€5,069
Midlands Park hotel Leisure Club and Gym	€9,794
Middleton Park Hotel Leisure Centre	€7,131
Mill Park Hotel Swimming Pool	€5,069
Motion Leisure Club the Montenotte Hotel	€6,959
Mount Falcon Leisure & Spa	€4,725
Mount Wolseley Leisure Centre	€10,739
Muckross Park Hotel	€5,756
Nenagh Leisure Centre	€11,340
Newpark Hotel, Escape Health Club	€6,959
Newpark School Sports Centre	€10,309
NRG Health & Fitness, Clybaun Hotel, Knocknacarra	€7,990
NRG Health & Fitness, Cuirt Seoige.	€7,990

NRG Health & Fitness, River Lee Hotel, Cork.	€7,818
Nuremore Hotel Leisure Centre	€8,677
Oakgrove Leisure Centre	€7,302
Ocean Fitness	€9,364
Ocean Spirit Leisure	€7,818
Osprey Leisure Centre	€11,512
Planet Health Club, Cork	€5,241
Planet Health Club, Limerick	€5,928
Portarlinton Leisure Centre	€11,168
Portlaoise Leisure Centre	€11,856
Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Club	€9,708
Quilty Holiday Cottages	€5,412
Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Cork	€7,131
Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Sligo	€5,412
Radisson Blu Hotel Athlone	€5,756
Radisson Blu Hotel Limerick	€6,100
Redcastle Hotel	€6,615
Riversdale Swimming Pool	€5,069
Riverside Healthclub	€5,584
Riverside Park hotel Leisure Club	€6,787
Roscommon Leisure Centre Ltd	€10,997
Roscrea Leisure Centre	€8,505
Schull Harbour Hotel & Leisure Centre	€4,553
Seafield Hotel & Resort	€6,787
Sean Kelly Sport Centre	€8,677
Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool, Tipperary Town	€14,175
Seven Oaks Hotel and Leisure Club	€6,443
Shandon Hotel & Spa	€7,732
Shannon Leisure Centre	€13,574
Shear Fitness	€6,615
Shoreline Leisure Bray	€12,371
Shoreline Leisure Greystones	€13,746
Slieve Russell Hotel	€8,677
Sligo Park Hotel Leisure Club	€9,107
Sligo Regional Sports Centre	€9,107
Sligo Southern Hotel and Leisure centre	€4,897
Spa at the Marker Hotel	€5,241
Spa Salveo Knockranny House Hotel	€6,100
Splashworld	€9,794
Sports & Fitness Markievicz	€10,481

SPORTSCO	€11,598
Sportslink	€14,605
Springhill Court Hotel leisure Club	€6,787
Springs Leisure Club	€7,474
St. Gabriel's Hydrotherapy Pool	€6,443
Stewarts Sports Centre	€9,622
Swan Leisure	€13,230
Swim Max Limited	€6,959
Talbot Fitness Ballincollig	€7,474
Talbot Fitness Wexford	€5,756
Talbot Hotel Carlow	€6,443
Tallaght Community School Sports Complex	€8,591
Tallaght Leisure Centre	€12,715
Templeogue College Swimming Pool	€10,911
The Apex	€11,168
The Bay Health & Leisure at The Arklow Bay Hotel	€5,584
The Brehon Hotel & Angsana spa Fitness Centre	€6,443
The Castle Hotel Leisure Centre	€6,959
The Coast Club Leisure Centre	€5,412
The Dartry Health Club	€9,794
The Fitness Club, Tullamore Court Hotel	€8,419
The Glencarn Hotel and Leisure Centre	€9,021
The Health Club at The Kingsley	€6,787
The Heritage Hotel	€7,131
The Johnstown Estate Leisure Club	€10,481
The Killarney Park Hotel - Health & Fitness Club	€7,131
The Pier Leisure Centre at The Royal Marine Hotel	€8,677
The Water School	€5,842
The Waterfront Pool and Leisure Centre	€9,966
The Watershed	€11,512
The Wild Atlantic Pool and Fitness Centre	€5,155
Thurles Leisure Centre	€9,278
Tonic Health & Fitness Club	€6,529
Tower Hotel Leisure Centre	€8,505
Trabolgan Hoiliday Village	€7,990
Tralee Regional Sports & Leisure Centre	€10,481
Tranquillity Leisure & Spa	€8,162
Treacys West County Health and Leisure Club	€7,131
Trinity Leisure Club	€8,505

Trinity Sport	€8,591
Trinity Sports & Leisure Club	€9,021
Twin Trees Leisure Centre	€6,100
UCD Sport & Fitness Ltd	€16,151
UL Sport Arena	€14,261
Waterworld Bundoran	€8,763
West Limerick Sports Complex CLG trading as Killeline Leisure Centre	€8,763
Westgrove Leisure Club	€7,646
Westlodge Hotel Leisure Centre	€6,615
Westpark fitness	€10,825
Westport Coast Hotel	€5,928
Westport Leisure Park	€9,966
Wexford Swimming Pool & Leisure	€9,966
Yeats Country Club	€7,818
Zest Health & Fitness Club	€9,107

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