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Donegal Sports Partnership approved €104,000 for community sport

A total of 100 clubs, groups and organisations in Donegal have been allocated around €104,000 under the Covid-19 Return to Sport Funding Programme.

Donegal Sports Partnership (DSP), with support from Sport Ireland and the Irish government, announced the approval of sports club and community funding allocations this afternoon (Tuesday).

The small grants awards are aimed at supporting sports clubs and community organisations in their efforts to deliver sport and physical activity in parallel with Covid-19 pandemic. The funding approved is directed towards additional costs such as sports and sanitising equipment, venue hire, training and education, and community engagement programmes.

Welcoming the funding allocation, Donegal Sports Partnership Coordinator, Myles Sweeney, thanked the clubs and community groups for taking the time to complete the online application forms.

"Around 160 applications were received across the three funding streams of sports clubs, community organisations and coach/volunteer support. To date, approximately €104,000 has been awarded which is a significant investment to grassroots sport. We are hopeful that a further round of funding for clubs and communities will be presented in early 2022," Mr Sweeney said.

Giving her reaction to the latest funding announcement, Chairperson of Donegal Sports Partnership Board of Directors, Anne McAteer, thanked the directors and staff members of the DSP for their time and dedication to community sport and physical activity during 2021.

"Investment of funding into our communities is vital to maintaining and sustaining sport in Donegal, and ensuring that our communities can continue to avail of the benefits of sport and physical activity," Ms McAteer commented.

The DSP Chairperson also recognised the challenges for sport and physical activity across the region, and the significant impact the pandemic is having on volunteering and sport leadership.

Earlier this month, DSP was approved additional funding of €98,200 to support the ongoing return to community support and physical activity.

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Return to Sport Community Development Fund 2021		Return to Sport – Sports Clubs Development Fund 2021			
COMMUNITY GROUP	€	SPORTS CLUB	€	SPORTS CLUB	€
Bundoran Community Development Organisation	2500	Aileach Football Club	800	Glen Rovers FC	800
Clonleigh Parish Community	1000	Aodh Rua GAA Club	800	Glenswilly GAA	800
Club Oige Meevagh	1000	Ardara GAA Club	1000	Gweedore Celtic FC	1200
Coiste Edan Fhionn Fhraoich	1000	Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club	1200	Iasc na Mara Swimming Club	800
Coiste Forbartha Cnoc Fola	1500	Ballyliffin Golf Club	1200	Illistrin FC	800
Comharchumann Aran Mhór	2000	Ballyshannon Rugby Club	800	Inch Bowling Club	500
Comhlacht Forbartha An Tearmainn	2000	Buncrana Hearts FC	800	Keadue Rovers FC	800
Coole/Cranford Community Centre	1500	Carndonagh Boxing Club	800	Killybegs GAA Club	1000
Donegal Horizons	1500	Castlefinn Celtic FC	1200	Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club	1200
Donegal Town FRC	1000	CLG An Tearmainn	800	Letterkenny Boxing Club	800
Downstrands FRC	1500	CLG Baile Na nGalloglach	1000	Letterkenny Cricket Club	1000
Finn Valley Sports	2000	CLG Beart GAA	800	Letterkenny Rovers FC	1200
Forbairt Dhún Lúiche	1000	CLG Na Dúnaibh	1200	Letterkenny Rugby Club	1200
Greencastle Development Association	1000	CLG Naomh Padraig, Muff	1200	Lifford & Strabane AC	1200
Illies Community Centre	1500	Cockhill Celtic YFC	800	Lifford Celtic FC	800
Inishowen Children's Autism Related Education LTD	1500	Convoy Arsenal FC	1200	Lough Swilly Yacht Club	1000
Irish Wheelchair Association	500	Culdaff FC	1000	Loughros Point Rowing Club	1200
Moyne Ulster Scots	1000	Donegal Bay Cycling Club	800	Malin GAA Club	800
Newtoncunningham Orange Hall (PROJECT ORANGE)	1500	Donegal Bay Rowing Club	1000	Milford United FC	800
North West Parkinson's	600	Donegal Bay Sub Aqua Club	1000	Moville Celtic FC	800
Rosnaskill Tourism & Activity Centre	1500	Donegal Boardriders Club	800	Moville GAA	800
Sonass Youth Club	1000	Donegal Sea & Surf Paddlers Club	800	Naomh Brid GAA, Ballintra	1200
Spraoui & Spóirt	3000	Donegal Town Basketball Club	800	Naomh Colmcille GAA	800
Ulster GAA	900	Drumbar United FC CLG	1200	Naomh Padraig, Lifford	1000
		Drumkeen United FC	1000	North Pole Cycle Club	1200
		Drumoghill FC	800	Raphoe Boxing Club	800
		Dunfanaghy Badminton Club	800	Raphoe Town FC	1200
		Dunfanaghy FC	800	Rashenny FC	800
		Dungloe Boxing Club	800	Rathmullan Celtic FC	800
		Dunlewy FC	800	Redcastle FC	800
		Dunree Boxing Club	800	Robert Emmetts GAA	1200
		East Donegal Pony Club	1200	St Catherine's FC	800
		Fanad Gaels GAA	1200	St Johnston Orange Hall Indoor Bowls Club	800
		Fanad United FC	1000	St Mary's GAA (Gaelic for Mothers & Others)	1000
		Finn Valley Rugby Club	800	Swilly Rovers FC	800
		Finn Valley Womens FC	800	Tir Chonaill AC	800
		Finn Wheelers Cycling Club	800	Twin Towns Boxing Club	1200
		Four Masters GAA Club	800	Whitestrand FC	800