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National Governing Bodies



Swim Ireland

1,000+

courses/webinars/CPD's/Clinics

15,000

attendees on webinars

22,000

views of #WePlay Online
(Women in Sport Conference)

Just under

1,000

swimmers took part in 53
Open Water Programmes



Cycling Ireland

~100,000

registrants for CI virtual events,
training sessions and webinars
in 2020

1,900

people registered for the
Cycling Ireland Zwift League,
the largest sporting event
during Lockdown 1 in
March 2020

(12-race league was live streamed
on Cycling Ireland social media
and generated 234,000 views)



Athletics Ireland

~9,000

attendees on webinars/
online sessions/
courses

Hosted 11 virtual events with

31,500+

participants plus 120
corporate teams, 60 clubs,
1029 schools, 180 clubs

(Virtual Irish Runner series,
Virtual Remembrance Run,
Daily Mile at Home, Winter
Cross Country Challenge)



Basketball Ireland

323

Participants in Basketball
Ireland eSports
Championship

48

webinars



Canoeing Ireland

SUP Safety for beginner
paddlers (**120 participants**)

1000+

people took part in the
#BeActive Big Paddle for
European Week of Sport

12

clubs took part in the
Club Development Pilot



Irish Sailing

17,800

people attended the Irish Sailing
Awards on Facebook Live

250

Irish registered competitors
in the Irish Sailing eNational
Championships

3 Race officials courses online

4 Inclusion training workshops

6 Sailability Zoom classes



Ladies Gaelic Football Association

42

games of TG4 Championships
shown free to air

2,000+

webinar attendees to 48
sessions during first lockdown

Social media series
focusing on physical
health and mental health



Rowing Ireland

133

Webinars/events with a total
of 14,635 participants

700+

people took part in "Row
with the Pros" initiative over
February Midterm

National Governing Bodies

Impact of Covid-19 on the Sports Sector

2020 has been an extraordinarily difficult and challenging year for organised sport. Significant levels of National Governing Bodies (NGBs) activities including training, competition, coaching and mass participation events were scaled down, postponed or cancelled due to Covid-19. From March until May 2020, all organised sport ceased with sports only returning to phased activity from May onwards.

A key priority for Sport Ireland is the protection of the sports sector from any permanent financial or strategic harm to ensure it has the capacity to make a significant contribution to the public health of the nation in a post Covid era. Sport Ireland recognise that for the sports sector to recover quickly from the public health crisis, it is critical for NGBs to continue to retain the requisite staff and structures.

In November & December 2020, Sport Ireland distributed an unprecedented €70 million funding package across the Irish sport sector. The funding aimed to address the immediate threat to National Governing Bodies and their club networks, allowing sports organisations to off-set any significant losses incurred due to the pandemic.

2021 Funding Support

For 2021, Core funding has been maintained across the majority of performing NGBs and funded organisations. This funding, in addition to the 2020 Resilience Schemes, aims at providing stability and certainty to NGBs as they plan for the year ahead.

Sport Ireland has also secured an overall increase in funding through the Government of Ireland's 2021 Budget and will continue to engage with NGBs throughout the year to determine the additional, immediate and confirmed needs of the sector.

To date €13.3m has been allocated to 59 National Governing Bodies of Sport. This grant covers the implementation of strategic plans and participation programmes, coach development, the employment of professional staff and the administration costs of developing and delivering the sport.

In addition, Sport Ireland has also ring-fenced €541,000 to support development projects and events within identified NGBs.

Funding Context Prior to Covid-19

The National Governing Bodies of Sport recognised by Sport Ireland are at the centre of Irish sport. Sport Ireland is committed to developing a strong and diverse NGB sector that delivers for the sporting community in Ireland. NGBs are key delivery agencies for Sport Ireland in the achievement of its strategic and operational goals.

A key focus of Sport Ireland is to assist NGBs to develop sustainable and effective structures to facilitate increased numbers of participants and volunteers in sport. Sport Ireland invests in NGBs in line with its strategic priorities. Investment is made with the specific aim of ensuring the long-term sustainability of NGBs.

Since the publication of the National Sports Policy 2018 – 2027, core funding to NGBs has grown from €10.8m in 2017 to €13.8m in 2021. This increased investment provides an opportunity for Sport Ireland to further strengthen the NGB sector to deliver on both Sport Ireland's strategic objectives and those identified in the governments sports policy.

Sport Ireland wishes to see a diverse range of sports available to the Irish public and continues to invest in a wide variety of NGBs. Increased levels of overall funding provides Sport Ireland with an opportunity to strengthen and enhance the volunteer led bodies. Sport Ireland remains committed in assisting NGBs to make the transition from volunteer led organisations to ones with professional staff. Over the last number of years Sport Ireland has identified a number of volunteer led sports that show the potential to make that transition. Sport Ireland will continue to identify and assist additional volunteer led sports over the coming years to further develop and expand.

National Sports Policy 2018-2027

Core Funding Lifecycle

National Governing Body	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2020 Allocation	2021 Allocation
Special Olympics Ireland	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Athletics Ireland	887,000	950,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Swim Ireland	827,000	910,000	950,000	950,000
Horse Sport Ireland	775,000	875,000	930,000	930,000
Basketball Ireland	598,000	695,000	740,000	740,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	432,000	475,000	500,000	500,000
Ladies Gaelic Football Association	400,000	450,000	485,000	485,000
Cricket Ireland	355,000	450,000	480,000	480,000
Tennis Ireland	353,000	425,000	450,000	450,000
The Camogie Association	395,000	395,000	435,000	435,000
Cycling Ireland	305,000	350,000	420,000	420,000
Irish Sailing Association	323,000	385,000	410,000	410,000
Badminton Ireland	320,000	365,000	390,000	390,000
Hockey Ireland	260,000	325,000	340,000	340,000
Gymnastics Ireland	230,000	320,000	340,000	340,000
Rowing Ireland	210,000	300,000	320,000	320,000
Golf Ireland	233,000	300,000	320,000	320,000
Irish Wheelchair Association Sport	240,000	275,000	285,000	285,000
Canoeing Ireland	205,000	250,000	275,000	275,000
National Community Games	284,000	315,000	315,000	260,000
Mountaineering Ireland	193,000	225,000	235,000	235,000
Triathlon Ireland	108,000	180,000	225,000	225,000
Volleyball Ireland	185,000	200,000	210,000	210,000
Irish Squash	160,000	180,000	200,000	200,000
Motor Sport Ireland	137,000	160,000	180,000	180,000
Table Tennis Ireland	107,000	107,000	115,000	115,000
GAA Handball Ireland	90,000	100,000	105,000	105,000
Irish Judo Association	70,000	85,000	100,000	100,000
Irish Surfing Association	64,000	75,000	80,000	80,000
Pitch and Putt Ireland	63,000	75,000	80,000	80,000
Snooker & Billiards Ireland	63,000	70,000	75,000	75,000
Diving Ireland	60,000	70,000	75,000	75,000
Deaf Sports Ireland	61,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Irish Orienteering Association	45,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Irish Martial Arts Commission	45,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Fencing Ireland	27,000	55,000	55,000	55,000

National Governing Body	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2020 Allocation	2021 Allocation
Motor Cycling Ireland	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000
Irish Clay Target Shooting Association	36,000	45,000	48,000	48,000
Vision Sports Ireland	35,000	45,000	48,000	48,000
Irish Olympic Handball Association	35,000	45,000	48,000	48,000
Tug of War Ireland	22,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Irish Tenpin Bowling Association	27,000	35,000	37,000	37,000
Bowling League of Ireland	24,000	30,000	32,000	32,000
American Football Ireland	23,000	30,000	32,000	32,000
Weightlifting Ireland	-	30,000	32,000	32,000
Bol Chumann na hÉireann	20,000	30,000	32,000	32,000
Irish Waterski & Wakeboard Federation	20,000	25,000	27,000	27,000
Irish Taekwondo Union	9,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Baton Twirling Sport Association of Ireland	16,000	20,000	25,000	25,000
Racquetball Association of Ireland	15,000	20,000	25,000	25,000
Irish Amateur Wrestling Association	15,000	20,000	25,000	25,000
Rugby League Ireland	11,000	15,000	20,000	20,000
Speleological Union of Ireland	10,000	15,000	20,000	20,000
Angling Council of Ireland	10,000	15,000	20,000	20,000
Archery Ireland	12,000	15,000	-	15,000
Croquet Association of Ireland	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Irish Ice Hockey Association	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
ONAKAI	6,000	6,000	10,000	10,000
Special Projects & Programmes*	126,000	299,000	501,000	541,000
SOI World Games	-	180,000	-	-
Pentathlon Ireland**	-	-	20,000	20,000
National Aero Club of Ireland	5,000	-	-	-
Ice Skating Association of Ireland	-	-	-	-
Horseshoe Pitchers Association of Ireland	5,000	10,000	-	-
Trout Anglers Association of Ireland	-	-	-	-
National Course Fishing Federation	-	-	-	-
Total	10,845,000	12,845,000	13,845,000	13,845,000
Organisation	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2021 Allocation
Federation of Irish Sport	100,000	100,000	115,000	115,000
Student Sport Ireland	50,000	60,000	60,000	60,000

* In 2021, funding has been set aside to support additional development projects and events within NGBs.

** Pentathlon Ireland - This funding has been rebalanced from Horse Sport Ireland Core funding & will paid direct for 2021.

Sport Ireland High Performance



SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING

2020: €1,225,000

2019: €830,000

2018: €1,633,000



2020 PERFORMANCES

During limited periods of competitions, 14 medals were achieved across Olympic and Paralympic sports including Rowing, Para-cycling, Cycling and Taekwondo. There were a number of other notable performances achieved at non championship events.

MEDAL BREAKDOWN



2021 Direct Athlete/
Player Support Total:
€2,959,000

High Performance Operations
& Administration Funding
Total (OFI & Paralympics
Ireland)
€820,000

High Performance
Programme Funding:
€8,500,000

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13,812*

Athlete/Visitor visits to the
Institute in 2020

5,119

Total number of
service bookings
in 2020

4,107

Total number of
performance support
days in 2020

365

Athletes regularly
supported in 2020

26

Number of sports
supported in 2020

*To account for the move to remote support the figure for 2020 includes off-site and video consultations

High Performance

Sport Ireland provides a cohesive funding model to facilitate the delivery of a world-class high performance system in Ireland. Support from Sport Ireland is directed to National Governing Bodies and includes High Performance Programme Funding, the International Carding Scheme, the Sport Ireland Institute, and a range of facilities at the Sport Ireland Campus.

High Performance Funding

High Performance Programme Funding is provided to support a range of activities including training camps and competitions at junior and senior level, pathway development, performance services and performance team salaries.

For 2021, Sport Ireland has maintained High Performance Programme Funding to all National Governing Bodies. This has provided stability and clarity for the high performance system and allows National Governing Bodies to progress with plans for the year ahead. Sport Ireland will provide further support in 2021 to address the immediate and confirmed costs to high performance programmes in respect of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Covid-19 Pandemic

The priority for Sport Ireland throughout the Covid-19 pandemic has been to protect the health and wellbeing of athletes and support personnel; and to ensure Irish athletes are not competitively disadvantaged in the build up to the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Sport Ireland recognized its role in supporting the high performance community throughout the pandemic and provided a commitment of funding to athletes and National Governing Bodies for 2020. This commitment has now been extended to 2021 ensuring those who are targeting the Olympic and Paralympic Games are sufficiently supported.

2020 Performances

In 2020, during limited periods of competitions, 14 medals were achieved by sports in receipt of High Performance Programme funding. These medals were secured across Olympic and Paralympic sports including Cycling, Rowing, Taekwondo and Para-cycling. There were a number of other notable performances achieved at non championship events.

High Performance Programme Funding					
Funded Body	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Athletics Ireland	835,000	790,000	840,000	840,000	840,000
Irish Sailing Association	735,000	735,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	700,000	700,000	770,000	770,000	770,000
Hockey Ireland	530,000	520,000	730,000	730,000	730,000
Paralympics Ireland	665,000	665,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Horse Sport Ireland	530,000	530,000	690,000	690,000	690,000
Swim Ireland	560,000	560,000	630,000	630,000	630,000
Rowing Ireland	525,000	525,000	620,000	620,000	620,000
Golf Ireland	400,000	410,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
Cycling Ireland	325,000	390,000	440,000	440,000	440,000
Irish Rugby Football Union	220,000	220,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Pentathlon Ireland	260,000	240,000	290,000	290,000	290,000
Triathlon Ireland	220,000	220,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Gymnastics Ireland	100,000	120,000	200,000	230,000	230,000
Tennis Ireland	170,000	175,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Cricket Ireland	160,000	160,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Badminton Ireland	130,000	130,000	160,000	160,000	160,000
Irish Judo Association	45,000	45,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Canoeing Ireland	40,000	40,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Irish Taekwondo Union	40,000	40,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Irish Clay Target Shooting	25,000	25,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Total	€7,215,000	€7,240,000	€8,470,000	€8,500,000	€8,500,000

High Performance Operations & Administration Funding					
Funded Body	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Olympic Federation of Ireland	300,000	300,000	420,000	420,000	420,000
Paralympics Ireland	375,000	397,500	400,000	400,000	400,000
Total	€675,000	€697,500	€820,000	€820,000	€820,000

Direct Athlete/Player Support

Support Scheme	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
International Carding Scheme	1,767,000	1,900,000	1,934,000	2,460,500	2,684,000
Team Ireland Golf	200,000	202,500	220,000	220,000	275,000
Total	€1,967,000	€2,102,500	€2,154,000	€2,680,500	€2,959,000

High Performance Special Project Funding

Funded Body	2018	2019	2020	Total Support Packages
Hockey Ireland	500,000	-	200,000	700,000
Olympic Federation of Ireland	175,000	250,000	200,000	625,000
Paralympics Ireland	123,000	250,000	200,000	573,000
Horse Sport Ireland	175,000	70,000	175,000	420,000
Rowing Ireland	40,000	70,000	150,000	260,000
Irish Athletic Boxing Association	50,000	15,000	100,000	165,000
Swim Ireland	75,000	40,000	30,000	145,000
Gymnastics Ireland	75,000	30,000	40,000	145,000
Irish Sailing Association	55,000	-	50,000	105,000
Cycling Ireland	40,000	50,000	-	90,000
Badminton Ireland	25,000	-	25,000	50,000
Irish Judo Association	25,000	20,000	5,000	50,000
Canoeing Ireland	-	20,000	30,000	50,000
Athletics Ireland	50,000	-	-	50,000
Irish Rugby Football Union	50,000	-	-	50,000
Triathlon Ireland	30,000	15,000	-	45,000
Irish Taekwondo Union	20,000	-	20,000	40,000
Cricket Ireland	40,000	-	-	40,000
Golf Ireland	40,000	-	-	40,000
Pentathlon Ireland	30,000	-	-	30,000
Tennis Ireland	15,000	-	-	15,000
Total	€1,633,000	€830,000	€1,225,000	€3,688,000

Sport Ireland Local Sports Partnership



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PARTICIPATION

2020 LSP Highlights

348,398

people participated in locally delivered initiatives
(female: 51%)

Local sports partnerships provide opportunities across

60+

different sports in any given year

101,035 (29%)

of all participants were reached through online/virtual initiatives

221

full time and part time staff employed by LSPs
Female: 53%
Male: 47%



700,000+

people participated in European Week of Sport events



2021 Funding

€1,344,704

Increase of 53% in Programme Funding to LSPs in 2021

€729,400

Invested in Community Sports Development Officers (CSDOs)

€265,000

will be invested in the Women in Sport programme in 2021

€945,000

Invested in a network of Sports Inclusion Disability Officers (SIDOs)

€1,295,000

will be invested in new human resources for LSP's in 2021

Sport Ireland

Local Sports Partnerships

The Sport Ireland investment in the network of 29 Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs) in 2021 will increase by 15%, to €9,551,309.

This increase in investment provides an opportunity for Sport Ireland to support a locally led safe return to sport. Sport Ireland will use the increased investments in 2021 to build the capacity of LSPs and to increase the reach and impact of LSP initiatives across Ireland. The 2021 investment strategy is informed by the goals of the Sport Ireland Strategy and the actions of the National Sports Policy and the National Physical Activity Plan which are now captured in the Sport Ireland Participation Plan.

Sport Ireland's strategy to increase investment in LSP programming will support both the return to safe in person opportunities as well as build on the virtual opportunities developed in 2021. LSPs are continuing to ensure that everyone in our society has the opportunity to share in the enjoyment as well as the mental and physical health benefits of sport and physical activity during these unprecedented times.

Evaluation

In 2020 Sport Ireland completed evaluations of the LSP Community Sport Development Officers (CSDOs) programme, and the Community Sports and Physical Activity Hubs Phase 2&3. A number of other evaluations which commenced in 2020 are ongoing, including the evaluation of the Active Cities fund, the Innovation for Sports Inclusion fund, the Urban Outdoor Adventure Initiative fund, and the Women in Sport Leadership Course.

Sport Ireland continue to support Local Sports Partnerships and National Governing Bodies to collect systemic impact evaluation data for their participation programs. To date data has been collected for over 5,000 participants, and is being used to understand what works, for whom, under what conditions.

Age & Opportunity - Go For Life programme

Sport Ireland funds the Age & Opportunity Active Go for Life sport and physical activity programme as part of its commitment to increase participation in recreational sport among older people. Go for Life aims to get older people more active and its objectives are closely aligned to the National Sports Policy as well as the National Physical Activity Plan, the National Positive Ageing Strategy and Healthy Ireland.

Cara

Cara facilitates participation for people with a disability by promoting the Sport Inclusion Disability Charter. It also does this through coordinating the delivery of training and education workshops on the inclusion of people with disabilities in Sport and Physical Activity. Sport Ireland Policy on Participation in Sport by People with Disabilities designates CARA as the supporting organisation to assist with the implementation of Sport Ireland's policy commitments in relation to participation.



1 Women in Sport

€265,000 will be allocated for the Women in Sport programme. This fund will support sport and physical activity programmes aimed at increasing participation opportunities for women and girls of all ages in sport and physical activity, as well as supporting the LSP to work toward objectives from the Sport Ireland Women in Sport Policy such as providing coaching courses and increasing visibility of female role models in their local area.

2 Community Sports Development Officer

€729,400 will be allocated to support the Community Sports Development Officer (CSDO) positions across the 29 Local Sports Partnerships. These CSDOs continue to support the development of exciting and dynamic opportunities to increase participation for people who are sedentary and build capacity for smaller National Governing Bodies (NGBs) that do not currently have development officers to deliver services to increase participation. The CSDOs will also continue to develop sustainable local leadership for sport within communities.

3 Sports Inclusion Disability Officer

€945,000 will be allocated to support the Sports Inclusion Disability Officer (SIDO) positions across the 29 partnerships. These positions continue to support and increase opportunities for people with a disability to participate in sport and physical activity. This applies to both mainstream activities and specific clubs and sports for people with a disability.

4 Programme Funding

With increased investment in SIDOs and CSDOs across the network it is important to provide these positions with the support and resources required to develop and deliver innovative programmes and initiatives at a local level for the specific target groups they are tasked with activating. In 2020 Sport Ireland developed evidence based Community Sports Development Guidelines with specific chapters for each of the target groups identified in the National Sports Policy.

To implement these guidelines at a community level Sport Ireland will provide a 54% increase in programme funding to the LSP network, from

€868,510 in 2020 to €1,344,704 in 2021. Programme funding is at the core of the LSPs engagement with participants and allows for the delivery of a huge range of community, club and school based initiatives, programmes and events.

5 Club Development Grants

We anticipate an increased need for support from sports clubs and communities around the country as they return to sport in 2021 and attempt to recruit and activate their members, participants and volunteers. We have increased the club and community development fund by 100% to €840,000 so that LSPs will be in a position to provide these supports at a local level. By investing in the development and implementation of targeted programmes and leveraging the support provided to clubs to encourage them to engage with underrepresented groups, this funding will support the delivery of Actions 5, 6, 9, 14 and 28 of the National Sports Policy.

6 Building Awareness

This challenge of building awareness was also one of the major findings of the recent LSP Insights Report and the Community Sports Hub Evaluation Report. Sport Ireland will provide a €461,000 investment, distributed across the network of 29 LSPs proportionate to the county population, for the implementation of the guidelines to promote sports participation opportunities across their targeted communities. Increased visibility and awareness will increase recruitment of volunteers, local investment and most importantly reach to the most challenging target groups.

7 Additional human resources

As sport plans its recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic in 2021 there is now, more than ever, a need for increased capacity at a local level to effectively support the delivery of the National Sports Policy. Sport Ireland has ring-fenced funding of €1,295,000 for the employment of additional human resources in the LSP network. This additional funding should allow for LSP's to build long lasting capacity to continue to deliver on the National Sports Policy actions into the future. This funding will be allocated based on business cases submitted by each individual LSP.

LSP Funding 2021

LSP	2021 Core (Staff & Operational Costs)	2021 Programme Funding	2021 Women in Sport
Carlow	200,464	27,700	10,000
Cavan	248,389	32,189	2,100
Clare	293,016	40,500	13,700
Cork	429,407	92,000	8,400
Donegal	309,728	39,499	5,000
Dublin City	321,133	90,500	14,500
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	286,044	46,000	5,000
Fingal	265,483	66,600	12,000
Galway	278,691	81,200	10,000
Kerry	220,051	25,000	-
Kildare	299,778	52,750	12,000
Kilkenny	257,422	37,977	6,000
Laois	262,956	22,765	11,000
Leitrim	203,776	26,500	10,000
Limerick	360,296	73,060	10,000
Longford	241,431	21,799	8,400
Louth	242,274	33,100	6,000
Mayo	306,912	47,699	15,000
Meath	313,294	80,204	19,200
Monaghan	185,343	18,000	5,000
Offaly	251,039	44,999	5,000
Roscommon	210,355	17,880	6,400
Sligo	299,941	53,960	19,200
South Dublin	261,060	68,420	12,000
Tipperary	334,571	41,039	6,200
Waterford	334,549	57,015	7,000
Westmeath	191,866	29,250	5,900
Wexford	278,147	33,499	5,000
Wicklow	254,189	43,600	15,000
Sub Total	€7,941,605	€1,344,704	€265,000

Programme	2021 Funding
Age & Opportunity	607,605
Cara	130,000



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