



COVID-19 SWIMMING POOL FUND 2020

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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- A. The Government has allocated the sum of two and a half million euros (€2.5 million) to Sport Ireland in order to provide one-off emergency assistance to swimming pools in Republic of Ireland (the **Fund**). The Fund aims to support publicly accessible swimming pools in response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and to promote the participation in the sport of swimming in Ireland.
- B. Sport Ireland has designated Ireland Active to administer and allocate the Fund, working in partnership with Swim Ireland.
- C. Applicants meeting the Eligibility Criteria outlined at Section F below, are invited to apply for funding by completing the application form at Appendix A which will be available on the Ireland Active website: <https://irelandactive.ie/> .
- D. There will be a three stage process for deciding upon the allocation of the Fund:
1. The Ireland Active Administrators (IAA) will review all submitted applications and decide which applications meet the Eligibility Criteria;
 2. The IAA will then score all eligible applications by reference to a scoring matrix under the headings set out in section G below;
 3. Those scores will be submitted to a three-person funding review panel consisting of a panellist from (i) Ireland Active, (ii) Sport Ireland and (iii) Swim Ireland (the **Funding Review Panel**). The Funding Review Panel will review the scores and confirm what funding each applicant will receive, by reference to the weighting of the applicant's score.
- E. The decision of the Funding Review Panel will be final and binding with no right of appeal to any court or arbitral body.
- F. The Eligibility Criteria are as follows:
- To be eligible to apply to the Fund, the swimming pool must be:
- (i) based within the Republic of Ireland;
 - (ii) publicly accessible (this includes both publicly and privately owned swimming pools);
 - (iii) open on or before the Closing Date, save where;
 - a. the pool is prohibited from opening due to the operation of Level 4 or Level 5 Public Health Restrictions; and/or
 - b. the pool is closed but intending to open before 31st March 2021.
 - (iv) compliant with legal requirements for operation, including but not limited to, Covid-19 best practice, return to work protocols, general health and safety, public health and safeguarding regulations, and tax compliance.
 - (v) Only one application per swimming pool facility will be accepted
- G. Eligible applicants will be scored under the following headings (further detail in Application Form):
- (i) Swimming pool(s) size [measured in volume];
 - (ii) Costs of operation;
 - (iii) Public access, programmes and participation;
 - (iv) Operational standards
- H. The following timelines will apply:
- Ireland Active will publish the application process on Monday 19th October.
 - Applications will open on **Monday 19th October 2020 (the Opening Date)**;

- Applications will close on **Monday 2nd November at 5pm (the Closing Date)**;
- IAA will review applications from **November 3rd until November 16th**
- The Funding Review Panel will review applications from **17th November to 24th November**.
- Applicants will be notified of Fund allocation from **24 November 2020 (the Notification Date)**

Applications received after the Closing Date **will not be considered**.

NOTES

1. Who is not eligible to apply:

- 1.1. individuals;
- 1.2. swimming pools that are not open on or before the Closing Date, for reasons other than the operation of Level 4 or Level 5 or other Public Health Restrictions, or pools who do not intend to re-open before 31st March 2021; and
- 1.3. swimming pools that are not publicly accessible

2. How is funding allocated?

- 2.1. Funding is allocated in accordance with the process outlined at section D above.
- 2.2. The funding based on criteria based in the application form.
- 2.3. The level of funding will be dependent on the number of eligible applications received.
- 2.4. Notwithstanding the urgent nature of the funding to assist eligible swimming pools during the COVID 19 pandemic, the deadlines outlined in H above will be applied strictly with the decision of the Funding Review Panel final and binding.

3. Qualifying costs

- 3.1. Costs allocated against the operation and maintenance of swimming pools during 2020 shall be allowed for the purposes of confirming expenditure of funds- e.g. energy costs, chemical costs, water testing costs, COVID-19 compliance costs, etc.

4. Payment of the Fund

- 4.1. Successful applicants will be required to provide copies of appropriate receipts for expenditure from 2020.
- 4.2. Payment of the Fund will be made to the successful applicant by way of bank transfer.

5. Confidentiality, Publicity and Data Protection

- 5.1. The successful applicant undertakes that it shall not at any time disclose to any person the terms of the Fund received.
- 5.2. Successful applicants agree that Ireland Active may publicise their participation in the Fund and the successful applicant will comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from Ireland Active.
- 5.3. All personal information supplied will be held by Ireland Active and will remain secure and confidential. Personal details will solely be held for the purpose of record-keeping and will not be passed to any third parties, save for the purposes of processing and assessing the applications. Further information can be found in our Privacy Policy, accessible [here](#).

6. Authority

- 6.1. The signatory to the online Fund application form and subsequent declaration form(s) confirms that they have the express authority of the entity they represent to apply for the Fund.

7. Variation

- 7.1. Ireland Active reserves the right to change these terms and/or the manner in which they deploy the Fund from time to time. Any changes after publication will be notified on the Ireland Active website.

8. Queries

- 8.1. For any queries or further information about this process, please contact: info@irelandactive.ie
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APPENDIX 1 – APPLICATION FORM [AVAILABLE ONLINE HERE](#)