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**COVID-19 SWIMMING POOL FUND 2022**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS UPDATED FOR SECOND APPLICATION**

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## TERMS

- A. The Government has allocated a sum of three million two hundred thousand euros (€3.2m) to Sport Ireland in order to provide assistance to swimming pools in the 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 this additional funding and to allocate the Fund, working in partnership with Swim Ireland.
- C. Applicants 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/covid-19/swimmingpool-grants/>
- D. Process for deciding upon the allocation of the Fund:
1. This is a new funding application process, only those that have applied within the dates as outlined below and that are eligible to apply to the fund will be included in this application process. Ireland Active Administrators (IAA) will review all applications submitted on or before the closing date 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 steering group consisting of a panellist from (i) Ireland Active, (ii) Sport Ireland and (iii) Swim Ireland (the **Steering Group**). The Steering Group will review the scores and approve the process and procedures implemented to allocate the funding and approve the final funding allocations, by reference to the weighting of the applicant's score.
- E. The decision of the Steering Group 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 Public Health Restrictions as advised by Government; and/or
    - b. the pool is closed but intending to open before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (in line with Government restrictions).
  - (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:

- The Steering Group will consider existing criteria and/or make recommendations in early January 2022.
- Ireland Active will publish the application process on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.
- Applications will open on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 9am (the Opening Date)**;
- Applications will close on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 5pm (the Closing Date)**;
- IAA will review applications from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**.
- The Steering Group will review applications from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.
- Applicants will be notified of Fund allocation from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (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 Public Health Restrictions as advised by Government, or pools who do not intend to re-open before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022; 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 Steering Group final and binding.

### 3. Qualifying costs

- 3.1. Costs allocated against the operation and maintenance of swimming pools from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.
- 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. Successful applicants agree that Ireland Active and Sport Ireland may publicise their participation in the Fund and the successful applicant will comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from Ireland Active.

5.2. 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](#).

5.3. Information can and may be shared with Sport Ireland and its agents if requested.

## **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](mailto:info@irelandactive.ie) 01-6251192.

**APPENDIX 1 – APPLICATION FORM [AVAILABLE ONLINE HERE](#)**