



FAI Webinar- FAQs

Quotations

Q. Is it only 1 quotation that is required?

A. Only 1 quotation is required for the application. If you are successful with your application you will need 3 quotes to draw down your funding

Own Funding

Q. What level of own funding is required, does it vary between capital projects and equipment?

A. Applicants must have 5% of the project cost in own funding but the more own funding you provide the more marks you get for this criteria. Examples of this can be found here [2018 Scoring System and Assessment Procedures](#)

Q. Own funds verses grant - if you have access to own funds does it effect the grant you will be awarded?

A. The minimum amount of own funding you need to provide is 5%, but the more own funding you provide the more marks you will receive in this category.

Planning

Q. Is outline planning permission sufficient or must applicants have detailed permission?

A. Nothing is required in relation to planning permission at application stage. But you will get extra marks if it you supply evidence of a planning application or planning permission.

Q. How do you complete Planning\Title\license section if you only rent per session and are going for equipment grant only?

A If you are applying for equipment only, you won't have to complete this section.

Q. Do you require PP for floodlighting?

A. Yes, but not necessarily at application stage. Evidence of PP will be needed before any grant can be paid.

Q. If you don't have planning permission but require it, where does this leave you?

A. You don't need to provide planning permission at applications but you will get extra points if you do. If successful you will have to provide evidence of planning permission before the grant is paid.



Disadvantage

Q. Is it Clar or Pobal Index that will be used to classify disadvantaged areas?

Q. How best can one add more weight to the question on disadvantaged areas if not in a Pobal/ Clár area?

A. While the initial score is based on the POL Index for their location, applicants can gain extra marks by giving details on page 3 of the application form on how you attract people from disadvantaged areas and groups and people with disabilities.

Registration

Q. If your club previously applied, does that mean you are registered?

A. Yes if you have applied since 2014 you are registered.

Ownership/Title/Access/Legal Issues

Q. If the council owns the land used by the club, does that mean you have to get them to say you have access for 15 years?

A. If you are applying for equipment you don't need a lease from the council. If you are applying for capital works, you can apply for up to €50,000, but you will need a letter from the council confirming that they have no intention of taking the facility away from your club/league for a minimum of 5 years. If you want to apply to more than €50,000 either the council will need to apply on your behalf or they will need to give you a lease of at least 15 years.

Q. We have got a site to start work on. Solicitor just reading over the lease. Are we better getting the county council to apply for us and work on the lease after or take the 3 year lease available and apply ourselves?

A. It depends on what you want to apply for. If you are applying for equipment you don't need a lease. If you are applying for Capital Works you can only apply for up to €50,000 with a 3 year lease. If you want to apply to more than €50,000 either the council will need to apply on your behalf or they will need to give you a lease of at least 15 years.

Q. We rent from school but on annual rolling basis. So similar to question re council does the school make an application on our behalf for capital works?

A. The school will need to make a joint application with your club. Detail on how this must be done are on page 16 in [2020 SPORTS CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAMME GUIDE TO MAKING AN APPLICATION](#)

Q. Council own land and want to install permanent electricity and plumbing, will sports capital be the way to go?

A. Yes, if these developments are directly related to sports facilities.



Q. If pitches are council owned and supportive of our application do we make application or go through them?

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Q. We have a 35 year lease from the city council and want to reinstate an old pitch and bring it back into use. Do we or the council make the actual application?

A. The club will make the application

Q. If a club has a 99 year lease from the council, do they or the council apply for the grant? We are applying for a new clubhouse.

A. The club will apply.

Q. Is there a form of template for how to word letters from local clubs in support of your application? When they are not your partner in application as we are a school.

A. Schools may only apply for funding jointly with local sports clubs or community groups. All organisations involved must be registered on the OSCAR system. Applicants must provide copies of formal legal agreements (e.g. a licence agreement between school and club) that make your facilities available to local clubs and/or the local community for a minimum of 20 hours a week throughout the year. Letter of support do not get applicants any extra marks.

Q. Is there a template available for the licence agreement?

A. No as every agreement would be different. The department give examples for what should be included in the agreement in the Guidance Notes. Your solicitor will be able to draft this or you can draft one up without a solicitor.

Q. Do the licence agreements have to be signed by solicitor?

A. No just signed by the parties to the agreement.

Q. You are talking about a solicitor and an engineer. What if your club does not have access to professionals such as these and no funding to pay for them privately? Can lay people complete the application without professionals?

A. If you are just applying for equipment the answer would be yes. If you are applying for Capital Works you would need the input of professionals e.g. License agreements, Planning permission (optional), Title access etc



Equipment Application

Q. Does the likes of grass cutting machinery need to be new or can you apply for a grant for second hand grass cutting machinery?

A. You can apply for second hand machinery but you cannot buy from a private seller. You must provide the tax clearance number of the seller when drawing down the grant.

Q. If you had a grant previously from a different entity and it is only just being completed will this have an impact on applying for this grant?

A. No. We do take away some marks for clubs that have received a lot of funding in the past.

Q. If you recently purchased items under equipment but wasn't aware it was covered for grant, can application include for these items?

A. No, you cannot apply for equipment you already have or for a project already started.

Other Issues

Q. Can we apply for floodlights on an Astro turf pitch that is under construction?

A. Yes

Q. Can a project be phased across annual applications? e.g. a 400k all weather split the flood lights or ground works or does a project need to be standalone?

A. Yes but each phase must have a sporting merit e.g. you cant just do the subbase for the artificial pitch and not include the carpet. You can do the artificial pitch one year and the floodlights another.

Q. What is the qualifying criteria for Regional or National €300,000 funding. A National League team have use of your ground would this qualify you for example?

A. Yes you can apply as a regional project but you will need a letter from the FAI saying that it is regional project. If the programme has already funded a different facility for that National League Team we will not fund 2 facilities for them.

Q. If club got previous grants can they apply or are there any conditions?

A. Yes you can still apply but you will loose marks depending on the amount you have received in the last 10 years

Q. Is there any benefit to registering the club as a company limited by guarantee to claim VAT on capital projects?

A. If a club can claim VAT back from Revenue then they cannot claim VAT from the SCEP.

Q. Are professional fees for preparing an energy efficiency plan for your clubhouse eligible to be included in grant application ?

A. No, The Department don't fund professional fees.



Q. We have had a school request if we can make a joint application with them. We want to apply for our own grant but can we make two separate applications. One for us and one with the schools.

A. No only one application can be made.

Q. We were allocated €49,500 in the 2018 round of sports capital funding for the development of an all weather pitch, total cost €100,000. It meant we had an approximate shortfall of €50,000 to complete the project.

Which would be the best option, from below, for our club to pursue, given we would be able to finance approx €5000 towards either

Option 1:

Reallocate the funding previously granted in 2018 (€49,500) to allow the club purchase equipment, e.g. lawnmower, ball stop netting, pitch drainage etc.

Option 2:

Apply for more funding to make up the shortfall of funding granted in 2018 to allow for the development of the all weather turf pitch.

A. It depends on what the club want. If you want floodlighting apply for the shortfall.