

Aviva Stadium Community Fund Scheme 2026

1. Background Information

The grant of permission for the development of the Aviva Stadium by An Bord Pleanála Planning required as a condition 22(1) of such permission that a Stadium Community Committee be set up.

The initial role of the Stadium Community Committee (SCC) was to assess the impacts on the environment, both during construction and operational phases of the development, within an area up to one kilometre from the stadium. Condition 22(2).

The Committee which is now in place since 2007 includes representation from the local Resident Associations, Local Area Councillors, Officers of Dublin City Council, representatives from Lansdowne Road Stadium Development and An Garda Síochána.

The Lansdowne Road Stadium Development Company makes an annual contribution of €100,000 to a funding programme which has been put in position to benefit the local community in the area around the stadium. Any funding not allocated in a given year will carry forward into the next year.

This Community Grants Scheme aims to support improvements in the local area, and social and educational activities benefiting the local community. **The local area is defined as that area limited to within 1km radius of the Stadium.**

The Objective of the Grants Scheme is:

- To ensure that the local communities derive a qualitative benefit from the additional projects/services/supports assisted under the scheme.
- To achieve maximum value from the available funding on an annual basis.
- To ensure that the funding is allocated equitably and expended responsibly.

2. Aviva Stadium Community Grants Scheme Applications

The Aviva Stadium Community Committee invites applications for the Community Grants Scheme annually for eligible proposals coming within the terms and conditions of the Scheme which in the opinion of the Stadium Community Committee will be of community benefit.

2.1 Facilities/services/programmes eligible for consideration shall include but not be limited to:

- Environmental improvements
- Multi-functional community facilities
- Heritage projects
- Facilities or services for local people
- Schools
- Sports Club
- Churches
- Community Events
- Festivals

2.2 The Stadium Community Committee will favour

- Projects that provide additional community service or facility
- Projects that can be accessed by different sections of the community
- Projects that address social exclusion of community cohesion within the area

2.3 Funding

- Projects proposals may be capital or revenue based
- Grants will be awarded to appropriate projects to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the project
- Organisations will need to demonstrate their ability to raise the rest of the funds needed for any project

2.4 Who is Eligible?

- Grants will be awarded to Community/Voluntary Groups/Schools and other non-profit associations for project proposals of benefit to the local area

3. Aviva Stadium Community Grants Process

3.1 The Stadium Community Committee employs an independent assessor in assessing all projects deemed to potentially qualify for community funding in the first instance subject to criteria, inter alia;

- That the project proposal arises from **and will impact on the local area**
- That it does not duplicate an existing project, service or facility
- That the project or event is accessible to all members of the group applying
- That the project is financially feasible
- That the application documentation is complete
- In the case of capital projects it will need to be shown that:

The applicant organisation demonstrated its capacity to deliver the project of service within the requisite timeframe

That the organisation/groups have the required banking, accounting and financial procedure in place to manage this funding

That the required governance structure is in place

The independent assessor will assess all projects and provide a written report including their recommendation to the Stadium Community Committee.

The Stadium Community Committee will review all recommendations of the Independent Assessor before making any decision. The Committee's decision shall be final

4. Additional Information

- Applications must be made on the official application form. All necessary documentation must accompany the application. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.
- Applications for funding will only be accepted for works or projects that have not yet commenced.

- Successful applicants for capital funding will sign legal agreements requiring the consent of Stadium Community Committee if they wish to alienate or assign a grant aided facility or equipment.
- The applicant agrees to acknowledge the Aviva Stadium Community Fund in all publicity, branding, launches and signage.
- The applicant must be prepared to put up an Aviva Stadium plaque – acknowledging the support – in a prominent location relevant to the project.
- Funding not drawn down within the calendar year will go back into the fund.
- Capital funding will be provided on the understanding that it is for the provision of facilities to the general public. Any restriction of that agreed access without the consent of the Stadium Community Committee may result in the recovery of the grant.
- Payment of funding will be made in part or full on the basis of original invoices or vouched expenditure.
- All recipients of funding must give such updates/reports to the Stadium Community Committee as requested until the project is completed.
- Stadium Community Committee reserves the right to have the expenditure of community grant funding independently audited. All processes should be documented to facilitate a clear audit trail.
- Stadium Community Committee reserves the right to visit projects and inspect how funding has been spent.
- Successful applicants will have to ensure that they are tax compliant and will have to verify that any contractors they may engage are tax compliant and will have to have evidence to that effect.

Applications should be submitted by email to:

community@avivastadium.ie

or by post to:

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