

Training grants are mainly aimed at clubs, but are also open to individual members. The grant supports participation in formal, recognised Mountaineering Ireland schemes – Mountain Skills, Single Pitch Award etc. The maximum grant is €250 per club in any one year and €125 per individual.

How does the scheme work?

- Apply using the application form, telling us what type of training you intend to do and with whom.
- If you are applying as an individual (non-club member), please provide a short covering letter explaining why you are applying for the grant, what it is for and exactly who it will benefit.
- This application will be then reviewed by the Mountaineering Ireland training board.
- There are two application periods each year with applications being reviewed in June and November/December typically
- Applications will be processed at the end of the period and those that are accepted for grant funding will be notified afterwards.
- When you have completed the training, please claim your grant by writing to the Training Office enclosing proof of completion (e.g. a receipt from the course provider detailing training provided and fees paid).
- We ask that all training is completed and receipts received within 6 months of the grant approval being given. This ensures that funds are not tied up for an unduly long period of time.
- Provided the training carried out is the same as in the original application form, and appropriate confirmation is provided, the MI office will issue the agreed payment.
- If there is any query regarding the claim, it will go to the following training board meeting for discussion.

Timing

Training can be carried out either before or after you receive grant approval, however payment will not be made until after training is completed and corresponding receipts provided.

How does MI decide who gets grant approval?

All applications will be reviewed by Mountaineering Ireland's training board twice a year. Any applications that do not meet the criteria will be ruled out and MI reserves the right not to award the full subsidy.

Preference will be given to:

- Clubs/individuals that have not previously received an MI Training Grant
- New clubs
- Training that brings leadership and new skills into a club
- Members who volunteer in youth projects
- Clubs with a high proportion of young members
- Clubs with a larger number of people doing training
- Clubs that could not otherwise afford such training.

Other points:

- The club/individual's MI membership fees must be paid in full.
- Applications must be on the correct form.
- The type and amount of training done must be the same as on your application.
- MI's decision will be final.

Grant for Aspirant Mountaineering Ireland Clubs

Newly formed clubs often grow quickly and rely on the experience of a small number of people. This grant subsidises the cost of a weekend training course for up to 2 club members of paid-up aspirant MI clubs.

The subsidy is worth €90 per person for training . Contact the MI Training Office for more details.