Sports Office

Cantonal support for sports clubs and associations and other non-profit sports organisations

In the scope of its corona package, the Government Council of the canton of Zurich has decided to provide immediate emergency relief for sports clubs and associations and further non-profit organisations.

The canton supports sports clubs, sports associations and other non-profit organisations whose financial situation is severely strained due to the restrictions caused by the coronavirus and that might not be able to continue their activities.

- Online form and support criteria (in German)
  Commercial sports providers (sole proprietorship companies, limited liability companies, limited companies) can find relevant information on the website of the cantonal Office for Economy and Labour or the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), see below.

- Office for Economy and Labour of the canton of Zurich (German, English, Italian)
  Government support for endangered sports organisations

Sports organisations that have employees and are threatened in their existence by the measures ordered by the Federal Council have the option to apply for “short-time work”.

Employees with temporary contracts are also entitled to short-time work compensation. The respective information is to be obtained from the competent cantonal office.

For sports organisations with a shortage in liquidity caused by the pandemic, there is the instrument “loan guarantees for SMEs”.

- Further information on the SECO website (German, French, Italian)

Support of the federal government for affected sports organisations

The financial support of the federal government for sports organisations consists of a total of 100 million Swiss francs. 50 million francs are provided to professional sports in the form of interest-free loans. Another 50 million francs are earmarked for mass sports organisations in the form of non-refundable contributions.

- Overview: financial support for Swiss sport
- Support for mass sports associations
Stabilization Measures of the Federal Government

On the 13th of May 2020, the Federal Council defined parameters for the support of Swiss sports. The professional soccer and ice hockey leagues will have the option of taking out loans. 150 million francs are earmarked for à fonds perdu contributions for all other elite sports as well as mass sports.

There is currently no information regarding guidelines for the allocation of the funds for mass and elite sports.

- Support for sports organisations in the domain of predominantly professional sports
- Find further information on the SECO website

- Stabilisierungspaket für den Schweizer Sport (stabilization measures of the Federal government, in German)