

Frequently Asked Questions

Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa



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These Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are an addendum to the [Community Guidelines 2021-22](#) and respond to questions raised by community organisations. They don't replace the Guidelines or clarity that might be provided by Regional Sports Trusts - we recommend you check in with your Regional Sports Trust if you are unclear about anything associated with the operation of the Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa fund.

What is Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa?

Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa is a four-year, \$64 million, contestable fund provided by Sport NZ for community organisations to deliver physical activity opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi. The fund is managed by Regional Sports Trusts and replaces Kiwisport funding, with additional funding from the Covid-19 Recovery Budget. It will operate until June 2024 - annual reviews of the fund processes and priorities will be held to ensure it continues to meet the needs of community applicants and participants.

The fund enables organisations to provide quality play, active recreation and sport opportunities for tamariki (children aged 5-11) and rangatahi (young people aged 12-18), particularly for those who are less active.

Who is the Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa fund for?

We welcome applications from organisations whose primary purpose is to provide play, active recreation or sport opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi, or those who support that provision through the normal course of their operations. It will support not-for profits, community organisations, education institutions, regional and local councils, Hapū/Iwi/Marae organisations and for-profit entities.

Tū Manawa funding will support activities for all tamariki and rangatahi, but our research shows us there are some groups who are less active, so making sure Tū Manawa funding provides opportunities, in particular, for them is a priority. These priority groups are:

- Children and young people in higher deprivation communities
- Girls and young women (5-18) and disabled children and young people (5-18)
- Young women aged 19-24

Active Southland, Sport Otago and Sport Taranaki have also identified isolated rural communities, and Sport Manawatu migrant and refugee populations, as communities that are less active than others. These will be included as local priority groups in their application processes.

What do you mean by play, active recreation and sport?

Sport NZ has working definitions of Play, Active Recreation and Sport as outlined in the [Community Guidelines](#). The distinction between these domains may sometimes be unclear but for clarity Sport NZ views Play as an activity for tamariki, Active Recreation for rangatahi and Sport for both age groups. Regional Sports Trusts will help you determine the activity domain if you are unsure - there is no real consequence of applying under the "wrong" activity type.

Why has Sport NZ set up this fund?

Sport NZ's response to COVID-19 has involved supporting the viability and sustainability of national, regional and local organisations that provide play, active recreation and sport opportunities to New Zealanders. As part of our sector recovery we will incentivise and support the provision of physical activity opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi. By providing funding for these opportunities we will realise the well documented benefits to wellbeing, and develop confidence, competence, knowledge, and ongoing motivation to be active for life.

How much money is being distributed?

The total amount available for distribution in 2021-2022 is \$16 million. Each region has their own allocation from within this total - check your [Regional Sports Trust's website](#) for further details.

What is different about this fund compared to the previous Kiwisport Regional Partnership Fund?

The Kiwisport Regional Partnership Fund was in place from 2009 to 2020 when it was replaced by Tū Manawa. The Regional Partnership Fund was one part of Kiwisport, administered by Regional Sports Trusts - the other part is the Direct Fund that is managed by the Ministry of Education and provided to schools as part of their operating grant. The establishment of Tū Manawa has not changed the Direct Fund - this is continuing as normal.

Tū Manawa will support a wider range of activity opportunities than Kiwisport (the fund now includes play and active recreation), it is more clearly pointed at those who are less active, and the organisations eligible to apply have been broadened in recognition of their key role in providing these opportunities.

Tū Manawa is less focused on more people and opportunities, and more focused on quality experiences that will encourage participation for life. Where Kiwisport was a partnership fund that required additional revenue sources, Tū Manawa does not have this requirement. There is also a greater degree of standardisation in the application process than Kiwisport, while still supporting locally led approaches and the achievement of project-level outcomes that meet the needs of communities.

Why are Regional Sports Trusts distributing this fund?

The aim of this fund is to get money to grassroots, community organisations that provide opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi. The 14 Regional Sports Trusts have strong and deep networks within their regions, and existing platforms and systems to process applications and payments.

How much can I apply for?

Your Regional Sports Trust will establish processes for applying for the fund, including any maximum amounts. Higher value applications will generally need to provide more detail than lower value applications. In particular, many Regional Sports Trusts will operate a "fast fund" that has a lower application threshold and reduced administrative expectations. Check with your [Regional Sports Trust](#) to find out if they are offering this option and what level this is set at.

When do funding rounds open and close? Is it the same in each region?

While there is some national consistency (criteria, outcomes, eligible organisations, application processes etc) each region will establish funding rounds that work best for their community. You should check your Regional Sports Trust's website for more information.

Does each region have to fund a mix of play, active recreation and sport opportunities?

Yes. We expect to see a broad range of play, active recreation and sport opportunities funded. Regional Sports Trusts might choose to focus some of their funding rounds on activity types that are under-represented in their applications.

I run a business; can I apply?

We recognise that some businesses are well-placed to provide quality play, active recreation and sport opportunities. Check the eligibility table on page 4 of the [Community Guidelines 2021-22](#) to see if you can apply.

My church runs sports and activity programmes for youth; can we apply?

We recognise that community organisations, such as churches, are well-placed to provide quality play, active recreation and sport opportunities. Check the eligibility table on page 4 of the [Community Guidelines 2021-22](#) to see if you can apply.

I'm from a school/kura, can I apply?

Yes. Sport NZ has developed simple guidance that will help schools and kura assess any collaborative applications that use community providers inside their school setting – we recommend you consider [this document](#) before applying. The delivery of the curriculum and school plans is the responsibility of teachers and principals – they need to determine what activities they wish to run and when.

Where the school is applying as the deliverer (i.e. the teacher or staff are delivering the opportunity), or the school wishes to use an outside provider to deliver activity opportunities in lunchtimes, breaks or after school, there is no need to consider this extra step.

Can community organisations apply for funding to deliver their activity in school time?

If your application is solely to deliver play, active recreation or sport opportunities before/after school or in breaks then yes, you can apply for support from this fund.

If delivery is to be within class time the application needs to be a joint one between the school and community organisation. Sport NZ has developed a [support document](#) that will assist this process and it needs to be completed and submitted with your application.

Can organisations apply for funding for sport or recreation coordinators, activators or similar roles?

Where applicants can demonstrate that a portion of the salary or wages of sports or recreation coordinators, activators etc are part of the costs of providing activity opportunities to tamariki, rangatahi or our priority groups, and these costs are not already covered by an employer or other funder, then yes. Organisations can't simply apply for salaries or wages as these are typically covered by their employers, and a play, active recreation or sport opportunity is not the direct focus of the funding.

Can I apply to the fund for equipment?

Only where the equipment is an integral and necessary part of the activity you are providing to tamariki and rangatahi. Applications for equipment alone are unlikely to be considered as they don't meet the purpose of the fund. Capital items aren't eligible for support – the fund would quickly be exhausted if they were.

Regional Sports Trusts will consider the balance of funding required for equipment compared to the delivery of the activity – where this balance is significantly weighted to equipment your application is unlikely to be successful.

Why can I only apply for funding for 12 months? I want to run my activity for at least two years to truly see the impact.

Regional Sports Trusts will consider the impact and practicality of longer-term funding before the end of 2021. While we accept that organisations are seeking longer term funding surety, the fund is designed to respond to the changing needs of tamariki and rangatahi and we need to work through what processes might be put in place with applicants to ensure these can be reflected in longer term arrangements.

What if my activity includes whanau, parents and grandparents with the kids?

We recognise that the quality of the play, active recreation or sport experience for tamariki and rangatahi is often enhanced by the involvement of whānau/family – we will consider funding applications that engage them in the project or activity.

Why have my applications been approved in some regions and declined in others?

Tū Manawa is a local fund – it is not set up to accommodate applications from national or regional organisations, worthy as they may be, because it responds to the needs of children and young people in communities. Regional Sports Trusts have established application and assessment processes that respond to the funds they have available to distribute, the needs and feedback from their region, the array of applications they receive across the three domains of play, active recreation and sport, and the expectation that they support a broad range of innovative approaches to increase the activity of tamariki and rangatahi. There is no expectation that applications submitted to multiple Regional Sports Trusts will be approved (or declined) consistently – this is a decision that is handed to the Regional Sports Trusts who administer the fund on behalf of Sport NZ. Tū Manawa is a contestable fund, consistently oversubscribed, and it cannot fund everything that is asked for.

Where can I find examples of good applications?

Regional Sports Trusts will develop case studies of projects they have funded from time to time – check their websites or contact them for more information about examples of successful approaches. You can also check the case study selection on Sport NZ's website here: [Community Stories](#).

A webinar showcasing two examples of Tū Manawa applications, and a summary of the Tū Manawa fund is available through Recreation Aotearoa [here](#).

Can we get help with completing the application form?

Yes. Regional Sports Trusts will advise their community about how they can help.

Have a question you need answered?

Please email either your Regional Sports Trust or Sport NZ at tumanawa@sportnz.org.nz