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Active Communities
FUNDING SCHEME

Organisations can apply for grants or loans for sport, fitness and active leisure activities from the Invercargill Active Communities Funding Scheme in two different ways.

What is the Active Communities Fund?

The Fund aims to encourage people to get involved in sport, fitness, physical recreation and play.

Funds available for distribution under this scheme are generated from the income earned from a capital sum invested from the previous Hillary Commission Loan Programme.

Who can apply for funds?

Organisations can apply for funds if they are:

1. Applying for a sport, fitness and active leisure/play purpose or activity which will benefit Invercargill City residents. The definition of sport, fitness, leisure and play is:
 - 'Sport' means physical wellbeing resulting from participation in organised competitive activity.

- 'Active Leisure' means physical activities or physical pastimes engaged in for the purpose of relaxation or enjoyment.
 - 'Play' is physical activity which is fun, uncertain, a challenge, flexible and non-productive.
2. Operating as a non-profit club or organisation.
 3. Able to contribute to the cost of their project. This could be volunteer effort, other grants or club funds etc.
 4. Able to account for their funds.
 5. Organisations do not need to be a legal entity but must prepare a set of annual accounts.

What sort of physical activities can be applied for?

Three categories of funding are available:

1. Grants for volunteer training
2. Grants to go towards project costs
3. Loans

What sorts of projects are likely to receive funding?

The Assessment Committee has a number of priorities for the allocation of funding.

Priority One - Volunteer Training

Costs associated with delivery or attending training programmes for volunteer administrators/coaches/

referees/instructors etc. Training under this category must be training linked to sport and physical activity.

Projects for funding under this criteria include:

- Costs associated with delivering or attending training programmes, eg travel and accommodation, tutor's fees, hire of venue and equipment required for the training.
- All training must provide a significant benefit to the local community, not a national or regional body.
- The purchasing of equipment for use in training volunteers.

Priority Two - Project Costs

The purpose is to fund initiatives, activities or promotions that give opportunities to existing and new participants. It includes:

- A new initiative, activity or promotion put in place to attract new members or participants. Does not include newsletters, but may include a promotional flyer for a new activity.
- Improvement of the club or organisation's current level of services aimed at retaining and building on existing participants.
- The purchase of equipment vital to an activity, eg nets for volleyball club.
- Applications for repairs and maintenance of equipment will be considered on a case by case basis.

Loans

Loans are available to improve or develop new or existing sport, fitness or physical leisure and play facilities. Loans are usually the only way facility development projects can be supported. Loans will also be considered for significant maintenance projects.

Travel Fund

Grants are available to assist clubs/organisations where their junior teams (5-18 year olds) must travel away from home to their local weekly competition.

The grant is available where the travel is outside their home area and the cost will significantly impact on the cost to junior players. The funding is not available for travel to regional, national or representative games.

Club Development Funding

Grants are available to assist in the:

- Formation of multi-sport clubs.
- Club amalgamation.

What activities will not be eligible?

- Applications that are not directly related to a community sport, fitness or physical leisure and play activity.
- Applications that are, in the opinion of the Committee, subsidising ongoing organisation activities, eg:
 - subscriptions;
 - rental charges and entry fees;
 - insurance;
 - reducing debt servicing;
 - administration and/or operating costs;
- wages/salaries (except for one-off volunteer development tutors);
- prizes/trophies;
- team or individual travel unless eligible for the Travel Fund;
- school programmes;
- uniforms;
- computers, unless funded by loan.
- projects where the expenditure has already been incurred (retrospective funding).

How do you apply?

Detailed information and application forms are available from www.icc.govt.nz or contact Community Development, phone (03) 211 1669 or email community.dev@icc.govt.nz

When do you need to apply by?

Projects requesting less than \$1,000 close at noon on the 15th of each month. Projects requesting \$1,000 or more close at noon on the last working day of September and March and the 15th of June and December.

