

Frequently Asked Questions

Sport NZ Community Resilience Fund Phase 2



What is the Community Resilience Fund Phase 2?

Sport NZ has developed a recovery package to help support play, active recreation and sport organisations get back on their feet following the Covid-19 lockdown.

The Sport NZ Community Resilience Fund Phase 2 forms part of this recovery package.

The Community Resilience Fund aims to provide financial support to organisations that are experiencing financial hardship in the period 1 July to 30 September 2020, as a result of Covid-19.

Who is the Community Resilience Fund Phase 2 for?

The fund is open to a wide range of organisations whose main purpose is play, active recreation or sport, and that are experiencing short term financial hardship due to the impact of Covid-19.

We welcome applications from organisations that have not previously received funding from Sport NZ, and those that may have received some support already through Community Resilience Fund in May/June 2020. The fund is not intended for organisations that already receive investment directly from Sport NZ.

Can we confirm that our organisation is eligible before we begin an application?

Yes. You can use the diagram below to test your eligibility. Please also read the [\[link Community Resilience Fund Phase 2 Guidance\]](#) before you begin an application. This includes a description of the types of organisations that are eligible.



Definition of **play** organisations:

To be eligible as a provider of physical opportunities through play, organisations must:

- have a primary purpose of supporting active play for tamariki aged 5-11 years, and
- be a financial member of either the International Play Association Aotearoa New Zealand or Recreation Aotearoa.

Play must be intrinsically motivated, freely chosen by tamariki, for no pre-determined outcomes, and with limited or no adult-led involvement. Our focus for play is an opportunity that happens outside curriculum - any delivery that is aligned to play-based learning (curriculum) is outside this scope.

Definition of *Sport Hub*:

A Sports Hub is a partnership where organisations co-locate or share facilities and/or services strategically, sometimes via an independently governed group, within a defined geographical area, to provide sustainable, quality sport and recreation experiences.

To be an eligible Sports Hub, you must be:

- an established operating sports hub with two or more sports clubs that are affiliated to their relevant Regional Sport Organisation (RSO).
- able to demonstrate that there is wider community engagement, availability and use of hub facilities and services to the wider community.
- able to demonstrate that you are delivering initiatives on behalf of members and wider community interests to improve rates of community participation in play, active recreation and sport.

What do you mean by active recreation?

Active recreation is the term we use to describe 'generally non-competitive physical activities for the purpose of wellbeing and enjoyment'.

It includes activities that:

- occur in built, landscaped and natural environments (including outdoor recreation, fitness/exercise, community recreation, aquatics, informal activity and play)
- are undertaken both by individuals and by groups
- occur both with and without the active involvement of a 'provider' group or organisation (i.e. independently)

It is likely undertaken as 'informal activity' with people choosing to be active when they want, with whom they want, and at a time and for a duration that best suits them.

We applied for Community Resilience Fund earlier this year. Can we apply for Community Resilience Fund Phase 2?

Yes, if you meet the eligibility requirements set out in the Community Resilience Fund Phase 2 Guidelines and if you have different costs to include in your application. When we assess your application, we will take into consideration any funds that you received from Community Resilience Fund earlier this year.

This fund covers a different period, and covers operating costs related to the delivery of physical activity (in addition to fixed administration costs that were covered in the previous fund), now that NZ is in alert level 1.

We were told we were not eligible for Community Resilience Fund earlier this year. Can we apply for Community Resilience Fund Phase 2?

Yes, if you meet the eligibility requirements set out in the Community Resilience Fund Phase 2 Guidelines. Applicants for the earlier Community Resilience Fund had to be affiliated to Sport NZ national partners, but this is not a requirement for Community Resilience Fund Phase 2.

What is the difference between the Community Resilience Fund that was administered between May and June 2020 and the Community Resilience Fund Phase 2?

The key differences from the Community Resilience Fund that supported nearly 2,000 clubs and regional organisations with expenses for the period March to June are:

- Applicants don't have to be affiliated to Sport NZ national partners;
- Operating costs related to the delivery of physical activity are covered (in addition to fixed administration costs that were covered in the previous fund), now that NZ is in alert level 1;

- There is no distinction between local and regional organisations, but there is a simpler application form for organisations claiming up to \$5,000;
- The maximum that will be paid to any one applicant is \$25,000.

What's the difference between the Community Resilience Fund Phase 2 and Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa?

The Community Resilience Fund Phase 2 is aimed at helping play, active recreation and sport organisations that are experiencing financial hardship in the period 1 July to 30 September 2020, as a result of Covid-19. It is to help ensure that those organisations are able to continue delivering quality physical activity experiences to get Every Body Active in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa provides funding for quality play, active recreation and sport experiences for children and young people. It has been established drawing on insights from a number of sources, including the Kiwisport Review, the impact of COVID-19 on specific groups and the management of other funds. It is particularly focused on groups that are less active or missing out on opportunities.

How do we apply?

All applications must be submitted to the Regional Sports Trust for your region. If you operate in more than one region, you must apply to the one that your organisation's registered address is in.

All applications must be in the online form specified on the Regional Sports Trust's website. A list of Regional Sports Trusts are listed on the next page.

Applications may be submitted any time from now until 5pm on 6 September 2020.

We are a bunch of volunteers – can we get help with completing the application form?

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

How much can we apply for?

This Fund is intended to help cover fixed administration and operating costs that relate to providing play, active recreation and sport experiences, for organisations that are experiencing financial hardship (loss of revenue) caused by the impact of Covid-19. Please refer to the Guidelines for more information about the types of costs that you may include, and the costs that are not be covered.

No applicant will be awarded more than \$25,000. Any amount awarded from the first round of the Community Resilience Fund will also be taken into consideration.

A question in the application form that asks if you're applying for more than \$5,000. If you answer yes to this, the maximum you will be awarded is \$5,000, and there will be fewer questions for you to answer.

Will our application be considered if we have cash reserves?

Yes - organisations with cash reserves are eligible to apply.

It is good financial management to hold cash reserves to cover costs in case of unexpected events. You may also be saving for a significant capital outlay, such as new building work or major repairs.

You are required to provide information about cash reserves and savings in the application form. We will consider this when assessing your financial hardship. Please refer to the [guidelines](#) for more information.

We want to develop new programmes or events, or modify existing offerings, so that we can have better options available for participants later in the year. Can we use the fund for this?

No. The Community Resilience Fund Phase 2 is specifically to help organisations keep delivering the play, active

recreation, and sport programmes that are already up and running, but that are at risk because of financial impact of Covid-19.

Please refer to the Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Guidelines [\[link?\]](#) about opportunities to support new delivery.

Can we apply for court/turf hire for future bookings?

You can apply for help to pay court and turf hire costs that you need to pay in the period 1 July to 30 September 2020. You can't apply for costs of bookings outside that timeframe.

Can we apply for affiliation fees?

You can include affiliation fees that are payable in the period 1 April to 30 September 2020, where these fees have not been covered by other relief such as your regional or national organization waiving affiliation fees. Sport NZ will be monitoring the application for affiliation fees, and may verify the charge with your affiliated organisation.

We are a sport organisation but not affiliated to a Sport NZ partner. Can we apply?

Yes, your organisation does not need to be affiliated to a Sport NZ partner, to apply for support from this fund. Please check the eligibility requirements before beginning your application.

Can any member of the organisation submit the application?

Yes, but this person must be authorised to submit the application on behalf of your organisation. Your application must include the name of an official who takes responsibility for the organisation's application, such as the Treasurer or Chairperson. You must only submit one application per organisation.

Do we need to provide evidence of the bills we've paid with money received from the fund?

Sport NZ will undertake random checks by contacting successful applicants later in the year to ask for evidence of how the money was used. You do not need to send evidence unless requested.

Will others know how much we receive from the fund?

Yes. Sport NZ will publish information about all successful applicants on our website (applicant name and the amount awarded).

List of Regional Sports Trusts

Active – Auckland Sport and Recreation www.aktive.org.nz
Sport Bay of Plenty www.sportbop.co.nz
Sport Canterbury – Canterbury/West Coast www.sportcanterbury.org.nz
Sport Gisborne www.sportgisborne.org.nz
Sport Hawke's Bay www.sporthb.net.nz
Sport Manawatu www.sportmanawatu.org.nz
Sport Northland www.sportnorthland.co.nz
Sport Otago www.sportotago.co.nz
Sport Southland www.sportsouthland.co.nz
Sport Taranaki www.sporttaranaki.org.nz
Sport Tasman www.sporttasman.org.nz
Sport Waikato www.sportwaikato.org.nz
Sport Whanganui www.sportwhanganui.co.nz
Sport Wellington www.sportwellington.org.nz