

Frequently Asked Questions



Sport NZ Community Resilience Fund

How do we apply?

All applications must be submitted through your local Regional Sports Trust. Each region will have a different application process so please check on their website. A list of these websites can be found below.

How much can we apply for?

Local clubs/associations (with individual members) can apply for up to \$1,000.

Regional organisations (with member organisations) can apply for up to \$40,000.

Will our application be considered if we have cash reserves?

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. Having cash reserves does not disadvantage your Community Resilience Fund application.

You are required to provide the total amount of cash reserves in the application form (Question 20 - What is the current balance of all bank accounts, term deposits, and investments?). If you have a lot of money in reserves, please include a brief explanation in your answer to Question 14 (What actions have you already taken to minimise this impact?). For example, you could note what the reserves are for and when you're expecting to use them.

We want to develop new programmes or events while we are in lockdown (or alert levels), so that we can have better options available for participants later in the year. Can we use the fund for this?

No. The Sport NZ Community Resilience Fund is specifically to help support organisations that are facing financial hardship due to the impact of COVID-19.

We will have a Physical Activity Fund available later in the year. Details of this are still being worked through. However, it is likely this fund may help with certain programmes or events. Keep an eye on our channels for more information on this so you can consider whether your new programmes or events might align to the criteria.

Can we get help to prepare a cashflow forecast?

Regional Organisations must attach a cashflow forecast to their application. You can download a template from our website for this.

Can we apply if we're able to pay our bills now, but forecast that we probably won't be able to pay our bills after September 2020?

No. This Fund is to help reduce the immediate effects of the impact of COVID-19 on organisations. We are unsure what the effects will be in September and how cash flow for clubs will be affected.

Can any member of the club/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 Chair Person. You must only submit one application per club.

Do our financial statements need to be audited?

Only if you normally present audited financial statements at your AGM. If your organisation is required to have audited financial statements for other reasons, you should provide the most recently available audited financial statements with your application. If your financial statements are not normally audited, that's fine too, just provide the most recent available accounts.

If my organisation's region or zone spans multiple RSTs, who do I apply via?

You may only apply to the RST for the region that covers your organisations registered address. For example if your region is the top half of the North Island and your registered address is Whangarei, you would apply to Sport Northland. If you would like to clarify this for your individual scenario, feel free to email us on crf@sport.org.nz

When will I receive the money?

We know your need for funding is urgent. If your application is successful, you will receive the money within two weeks of your application being assessed.

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 in the year to ask for evidence of how the money was used. You do not need to send evidence to your RST.

Will others know how much we receive from the Fund?

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

We are part of a hub, with an umbrella organisation. Can the umbrella organisation apply for all of us?

No. Each application must be for only one organisation.

The umbrella organisation may apply if it is constitutionally affiliated to a listed national partner. And the individual organisations may apply if they are constitutionally affiliated to a listed national partner (refer to Appendix A of the Guidelines).

We are forecasting a drop in annual revenue of at least \$50,000 as a result of Covid-19. Can we apply for more than the \$40,000 limit for regional organisations?

The maximum available for a regional organisation is \$40,000. A reduction in revenue as a result of Covid-19 will be considered if it contributes to financial hardship, but we expect to see evidence of reducing costs and other actions to respond to that change.

The proportional change is more relevant than the actual amount; e.g. a change of \$5,000 that represents 25% of budgeted annual income is significant, whereas a \$5,000 decrease from budgeted annual income of \$50,000 would not (on its own) be considered significant financial hardship.

Are affiliation fees that we pay to NSO (or other) counted as fixed costs?

No. Affiliation fees are not covered by the Fund.

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

We have received a number of questions about costs of hiring courts, turf, swimming lanes and the like. The first thing to look at when deciding whether or not to include these in your application, is whether the costs relate to events or activities that had to be cancelled, or for programmes or activities that will take place in future.

If you have incurred costs for competitions and other events that had to be cancelled because of Covid-19 restrictions, but still had to pay for them, you can include those costs in your application. The Fund will cover these costs if they were incurred for the period from 23 March (when alert level restrictions began to apply) to 30 June 2020.

If the costs of hiring courts, turf, etc relate to training and playing, they are programme expenses. Programme expenses are not covered by the Community Resilience Fund. If you are making bookings now for future activities, you cannot include these costs in your application.

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