

KIWISPORT & the Regional Partnership Fund in Bay of Plenty

Draft Plan – for consultation

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Introduction

The purpose of this discussion paper is to provide a first draft of priorities for the Regional Partnership Fund (RPF), and how the fund might operate in Bay of Plenty.

Sport Bay of Plenty is asking for feedback, and will host Regional Forums to further discuss the priorities outlined in this document. All feedback is welcome and can be sent through to:

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Reiterating the purpose of Kiwisport

Kiwisport has very specific purposes:

- To increase the number of school-age children participating in organised sport – during school, after school and by strengthening links with sports clubs;
- To increase the availability and accessibility of sport opportunities for all school-aged children to participate in organised sport; and
- To support children in developing skills that will enable them to participate effectively in organised sport.

Progress to date

Sport Bay of Plenty has held several focus groups made up of representatives of schools, sports, and the community. Sport BOP has also invited responses through an email survey. The feedback from these has helped shape this draft proposal. We are now inviting you to let us know your thoughts.

Expectations

In managing the Regional Partnership Fund, Sport Bay of Plenty will be expected to invest in projects which:

- provide increased opportunities for school-aged children to participate in sport;
- leverage additional contributions from schools and community groups;
- build and strengthen linkages/partnerships between schools and community sports clubs; and
- take the wishes of the community into account.

At the direction of the Minister of Sport & Recreation, the RPF cannot be used by Sport Bay of Plenty to cover any overhead and administration costs incurred in managing the Kiwisport investment pool. As such Sport Bay of Plenty will treat the management of the RPF as “a service to our sports community” and guarantee to provide this service at no cost to the fund.

What you have told us so far

What is working

There are currently examples of best practice / success in the following areas:

- External assistance provided to schools and community groups in the organisation of sport, interschool calendars and quality sporting events.
- Schools and community organisations who have created and fostered positive and productive relationships.
- Increasing, via professional development, the confidence and skills of Teacher's, Parents and Coaches in the delivery of sport and fundamental skills.
- Provision of competition and 'give it a go' opportunities.
- Promotion of mentoring and role modeling for young people as motivation to participate and excel
- Keeping sport simple and fun

What are the Barriers / Challenges we face

- Financial – cost of travel, equipment, fees, use of facilities and up skilling coaches
- Travel issues - costs and time to travel especially in the Eastern BOP and rural areas
- Lack of people at the regional/local level to facilitate sport opportunities, organise transport/coach development and be a point of contact, run events etc
- Quality of competition at the local level, including events aimed at the social participants, and those not currently participating. This includes trying new versions, and reducing tired "same old, same old" offerings of traditional sports.
- Facilities - Lack of appropriate, accessible, and affordable facilities at local level
- Lack of basic skills for children to encourage participation in sport at all levels
- Lack of good quality coaches/parents/teachers to coach – manage etc
- Failure of some schools to promote and encourage sport to children and parents.
- Lack of coordination and partnerships between school and clubs, placing additional pressure on funding, resources, communication and volunteers.
- Saturday morning bottlenecks, and the need to adjust competition schedules to suit the needs of today's busy lifestyles.

What should be the priorities for Kiwisport within the Bay of Plenty region?

- **Fundamental Skill Development** – Providing a learning environment where young people develop fundamental movement and basic sport skills so they have the right building blocks to play sport for life. Skills development programmes should be targeted at upskilling parents, teachers and coaches, and be cost effective.
- **Collaboration** - Encouraging collaborative relationships between and amongst sports, schools and other groups. For example, Sports co-ordinator positions working with clusters of primary schools, or clubs working in partnership with schools.
- **Quality Competitions / Events** – provision of quality sporting opportunities for all young people (competitive and social), across the entire Bay of Plenty to ensure all young people have the opportunity to participate at the level of their ability or which they choose to.
- **Reducing Inequalities** – supporting the areas of greatest need; specifically low decile schools, and those that are disadvantaged . There is a need to reduce / subsidise costs of playing sport (including travel, registration at events, equipment, fees, travel, facility hire and uniforms) for those most in need.
- **Quality People** – ensuring there is a network of capable and experienced people who are available to support schools and young people in areas such as coaching, sport coordination, and organisation of events.
- **Key Messages** – Promotion and communication to parents, children and the wider public about the importance of sport & recreation for young people.
- **Professional Development** – high quality and relevant opportunities for continuous learning are available for teachers, coaches and volunteers throughout the entire Bay of Plenty region.

What is most Important ?

Sport Bay of Plenty is seeking feedback as to whether the above priorities are reflective of the priorities for the Bay of Plenty. Also we are interested in the level of importance that each priority carries (i.e. how these should be ranked). Participants will be asked to rank these priorities in the upcoming regional forums.

How should Sport Bay of Plenty operate the Regional Partnership Fund?

Based on the feedback to date, Sport Bay of Plenty will seek a balanced portfolio of short-term and longer-term investments so that the investment is not “locked up” indefinitely and it is able to respond to new opportunities as they emerge. The recommendation is for a mixed model – a split of contestable and non-contestable models.

Suggested Breakdown of Funding

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| 1. Regional Flagship Projects | 2 x \$xx |
| 2. Cluster/ Partnership projects | 9 x up to \$xxx |
| 3. Subsidy Scheme (reducing costs) | pool of \$xxx available |
| 4. Small Projects (\$xx per sub region) | applications up to \$2,000 |
| 5. Secondary School allocation | approximately \$ 35K |

The level of funding is yet to be determined (i.e. the breakdown of the split above). Sport Bay of Plenty is seeking feedback on the proposed approach before decisions are made about the level of investment in each category.

Level 1&2 projects will be non-contestable – priorities determined through consultation and will be agreed by the Sport BOP Board. Projects will have a longer term focus.

Level 3&4 projects will be contestable, and projects will have a mix of shorter term and longer term focus – application process

Level 5 acknowledges a Ministerial directive that no secondary school is disadvantaged under the new KiwiSport Scheme.

Your Feedback on the Management of the Fund

Sport Bay of Plenty is seeking feedback on the proposed model above, including the advantages and disadvantages of the model proposed above. At the Regional Forums we will be asking for feedback on whether participants endorse the proposed approach, or if there are alternative approaches that we need to take into account.

Operating Principles

Strengthening partnerships between Schools and Community Sport

The Regional Partnership Fund, as its name suggests, is intended to encourage close co-operation between schools and community providers (i.e. primarily clubs and Regional Sports Organisations), and also to help meet the strategic objectives of National Sporting Organisations. Projects that can demonstrate collaboration and reduce duplication of services, especially competition for athletes and coaches, will be given priority. For major / significant projects (i.e. level 1&2), priority will be given to projects that have at least three (3) partners involved.

Impact

Outcomes from all projects must be measurable against reliable baseline data and recipients of KiwiSport investment must accept responsibility for achieving “promised” outcomes. There is a need to have a baseline of information about current participation in order to gauge if investment has been successful.

Targeted Approach

There are approximately 150 Primary/Intermediate Schools, 30 Secondary Schools, and 50 Sporting Codes in the Bay of Plenty region so it is likely that a targeted approach will be necessary. That means not everyone can be supported in the first year, nor can the support to the first recipients be permanent and ongoing.

From Here - Consultation Timeline

The following process will be used to determine the regional opportunities and priorities of the Community, and to seek advice from stakeholders about how Sport BOP should manage the KiwiSport Regional Partnership Fund:

November 3 Discussion Document - sent to stakeholders

November 9-12 **REGIONAL FORUMS**

Western Bay Forum: 5.30pm, Tuesday 10 November @ Tauranga Intermediate School, Tauranga

Eastern Bay Forum: 5.30pm, Wednesday 11 November @ Apanui Primary School, Whakatane

Central Bay Forum: 5.30pm, Thursday 12 November @ St Marys Primary School, Rotorua

November 16 KiwiSport Bay of Plenty – Draft Plan revised

November 18 Sport BOP Board – agreement on draft plan

Nov 18- Dec 5 Call for submissions (wider public), available on website

December 6 Final Investment Plan Confirmed

December 15 Sport BOP Board - Sign off plan

Mid December Plan presented to SPARC – (date TBC)

A background document on KiwiSport can also be found on the Sport Bay of Plenty website. All feedback is welcome and can be sent through to:

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