

KIWISPORT & the Regional Partnership Fund in Bay of Plenty Final Plan for 2015-2018

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Introduction

During March 2015, Sport Bay of Plenty facilitated a community consultation process to review the management of the Regional Partnership Fund (RPF). The feedback included a review of the priorities, the process to apply for investment and the split of levels of investment. It was collected via an online and hard copy survey, face to face individual and focus group meetings and public community meetings. A draft plan was sent out to the community for feedback in April and feedback was collated.

This final plan has been developed based on the results of this consultation and the information below outlines the proposed priorities for the Regional Partnership Fund, and how the fund will operate in the Bay of Plenty for the next 3 years.

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.

Expectations

In managing the Regional Partnership Fund, Sport Bay of Plenty is 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 is not allowed to be used by Sport Bay of Plenty to cover any overhead and administration costs incurred in managing the KiwiSport investment pool.

The Priorities

Through community consultation the key priorities for the Bay of Plenty that were identified in 2012 were reconfirmed in 2015 with a few minor enhancements.

1. **Skilled Deliverers** – ensuring there is a network of capable and experienced people working at the coal face who are delivering quality sporting experiences for young people (e.g. volunteers, coaches, officials, teachers, sport coordinators, event organisers). These people need to be supported through quality development opportunities.
2. **Fundamental Skill Development** – providing a learning environment where young people develop fundamental sport skills so they have the right building blocks to play sport for life is still a priority. Whilst it is acknowledged that the delivery of the Go4it skills programme has been beneficial, community consultation outlined the need for a sustainable approach to this project. The Go4it leadership sessions are key to this so there is a need to continue to up-skilling parents, student leaders, teachers and coaches. Sport Bay of Plenty will continue to work with schools and sporting codes in regard to the future delivery of the skill sessions.
3. **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, facility hire and purchase of new uniforms for teams where there is evidence of an increase in participation numbers.
4. **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 ability or level of interest. This includes more affordable quality local delivery of competitions.
5. **Collaboration** - encouraging collaborative relationships between and amongst sports, schools and other groups. For example, sports coordinator positions working with clusters of primary schools, or clubs working in partnership with schools.

Breakdown of Funding

92% of the feedback received reconfirmed the need to have a split between larger and smaller funds available and to ensure an even distribution across the three sub regions of Bay of Plenty with 78% confirmed that there should be a mix of contestable and non-contestable funds (tagged).

Skilled Deliverers was identified as the top priority, and as such it is proposed to have a targeted approach to this which will include the development of deliverers in the FMS space. i.e Go4it leadership programmes.

1. Skilled Deliverers

85% of the feedback confirmed the need for a focus on the development of skilled deliverers and 87% supported the continuation of tagged funding approach to the highest priority. Therefore it is proposed that \$150,000 is ring fenced to provide a coordinated approach to developing skilled deliverers – i.e. referees, sports coordinators, volunteers, parents and coaches, event organisers and teachers).

2. Major Projects and KickStart Projects

As previously stated 92% of the community felt strongly about the importance of having a mix of large and small projects with the continuation of the previous split for Major and KickStart Projects. The split across the region is still important for the KickStart projects with consideration also given to need within these projects. Therefore it is proposed that there is an increase from \$270,000 to \$300,000 per annum is dedicated to Major Projects and an increase from \$75,000 to \$90,000 is dedicated to smaller ‘KickStart’ projects.

3. Secondary School Allocation

It is proposed to continue with an allocation of \$40,000 per annum which is be dedicated to the development of secondary school sport, and that this fund will be managed by the Bay of Plenty Secondary School Principal’s Sport Association.

The Regional Partnership Fund

Based on the feedback from the consultation process, 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. There will be a mixed model – a split of contestable and non-contestable models.

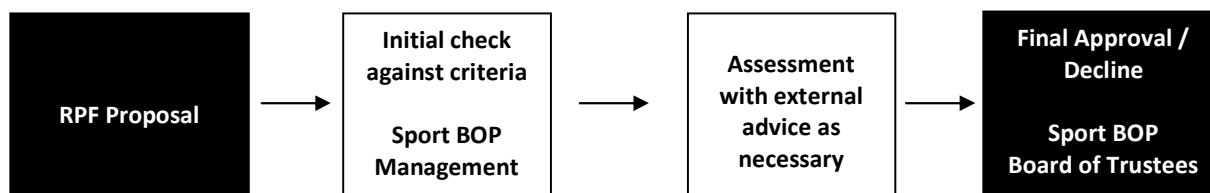
Suggested Breakdown of Funding – approximate (final confirmation of investment has not been received)

1. Skilled Deliverers Project (Tagged)	\$150,000
2. Major Project Fund	\$300,000
3. Kick Start Project Fund	\$ 90,000
4. Secondary Schools	\$ 40,000
TOTAL	\$580,000 (annually)

Final Decisions

The final decision for all Regional Partnership Funding will rest with the Sport Bay of Plenty Board of Trustees. The following process for contestable funding is proposed:

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FUND - CONTESTABLE PROCESS



All successful proposals will be subject to evaluation and monitoring.