Regional Partnership Fund (RPF) - Round 3 approved applicants

The third round of KiwiSport Regional Partnership Funding has been completed in the Sport Tasman region, which includes Buller, Tasman, Nelson, Marlborough and Kaikoura. Sport Tasman received a total of 26 applications seeking $278,166. After careful consideration by the KiwiSport team and the Sport Tasman Board sub-committee, 20 applications (over $143,000 of funds) have been approved across the Buller, Tasman, Nelson, Marlborough and Kaikoura districts.

ASB SwimMagic

The aim is to increase the number of primary school aged children participating in their 'Learn to Swim Lessons' year round by reducing costs and providing transport to the pool. Approximately 800 children from six schools will receive 10 swimming lessons each.

RPF Amount: $ 25,245

Buller Hockey – Umpire programme

Buller Hockey will commence grading their youth umpires from their successful Round 1 application. The programme will consist of an exam review, mentoring, grading workshops and attending national tournaments at the under 15 and under 18 level.

RPF Amount: $3,250

Buller Hockey – Winter programme

The aim for the season is to increase the number of participants and introduce a new grade for those players who have improved their skill level from last year. To cater for this, Buller Hockey will increase the number of skilled coaches by providing professional development.

RPF Amount: $6,320

Henley School

Senior teachers in the school will be up skilled in the STEPS fundamental skills programme. These teachers will then deliver this programme, with the help of a trained STEPS facilitator, to the junior school in terms 2 & 3.

RPF Amount: $5,000

Mainland Football

Mainland Football will use the KiwiSport Regional Partnership Fund to increase the hours of the Blenheim based Football Development Officer (FDO) from part time, to full time. Both the Blenheim and Nelson based FDO's will work together to deliver three programmes to primary schools in the Tasman Region; Football Literacy, Let's Play and Football Festivals.

RPF Amount: $28,820

Marlborough Basketball Association

Marlborough Basketball will deliver a five month pilot project, in Terms 2 and 3, to introduce teenagers with disabilities to the fundamental skills of basketball.

RPF Amount: $500

Hockey Marlborough – Small Sticks

Funding will be used to deliver Hockey New Zealand's new pilot programme "Small Sticks". The project will target new players to hockey between the ages of 5-6 years. The programme uses a 'game sense' approach to learning, focusing on the fundamental skills of hockey.

RPF Amount: $3,485

Hockey Marlborough – Kaikoura

Currently, there are no programmes run by a hockey club in Kaikoura. This project will focus on up skilling coaches and volunteers, delivering fundamental skills sessions to children and sending teams from Kaikoura to Hockey Marlborough's annual Primary and Secondary Schools tournaments in June.

RPF Amount: $2,825

Marlborough Tennis Association

Marlborough Tennis will deliver the Grasshoppers programme to children between the ages of 5 – 10 years at 3 schools in Marlborough. This project will focus developing children's fundamental skills through tennis and will up skill teachers so they can continue to teach the programme. Resources will be provided to each school and the association will link schools with local clubs and tournaments.

RPF Amount: $2,545

National Academy of Distance Running

The Academy will deliver a 10 week running course to Year 9 and 10 secondary school students in the Nelson region. Each participating school will have a running club set up with the aim of increasing participant numbers. An interschool competition will occur at the end of the project.

RPF Amount: $1,400

Nelson Basketball

In a bid to attract more junior referees, Nelson Basketball will be providing a free education programme for children interested in officiating. A referee coordinator will be employed to attract, train and retain junior referees.

RPF Amount: $1,600

Nelson Bays Squash

This project will focus on launching a new 'Step into Squash' programme, targeting primary and intermediate school children. The programme will cover the basics of squash using a 'game sense' and athlete centred approach to learning.

RPF Amount: $1,100

Nelson Bays Tennis Association

Nelson Bays Tennis has expanded their Grasshoppers programme to an additional six schools in the Nelson region. KiwiSport has helped to reduce the costs to participants. Each child will receive at least 4 tennis sessions to develop their fundamental skills, whilst teachers will be given the opportunity to up skill.

RPF Amount: $10,800

Rarangi Surf Club

The club will enhance their current programme for school aged children by employing a trained swimming instructor to deliver sessions in winter, with the aim of more participants completing their 200m swimming award. KiwiSport will help fund the purchase of more surf boards and more coaches will be up skilled in teaching surf board skills, which will lead to more children participating in surf carnivals.

RPF Amount: $2,840

Renwick School

Currently only Year 7 and 8 students have the opportunity to swim at Renwick School. The KiwiSport Regional Partnership Fund will now provide the opportunity for all students from years 3 to 6 to participate in a 10 week 'Learn to Swim' programme at Stadium 2000.

RPF Amount: $6,245

St Pauls School

Train three lead teachers in the STEPS Fundamental Skills programme who will then share it with the rest of the school. The sports coordinator, who is a trained STEPS facilitator, will up skill the teachers and provide ongoing classroom support.

RPF Amount: $1,430

Tasman Rugby Union

This project consists of employing a Junior Development Officer to deliver at least four rugby fundamental skills sessions to each participant at several primary schools in Nelson Bays. The schools are then invited to participate in the Rippa World Cup in June.

RPF Amount: $7,400

Te Awhina Marae and Whakatu Marae

Two coordinators will be employed, one at each Marae, to introduce Ki O Rahi (a fast-paced traditional Maori game) to primary and secondary schools in Nelson and Tasman. Secondary school students and PE teachers will be given the opportunity to up skill and learn about this traditional Maori game so they can teach it to approximately 600 students.

RPF Amount: $20,000

Waimea Intermediate

This school will increase their Sports Coordinator's hours to enable her to deliver more lunchtime sports activities and umpiring modules to students, coach sports teams, and facilitate two 'game sense' workshops for staff.

RPF Amount: $5,200

Wakapuaka Cluster

This is an expansion of their Round 1 project; it will see the continuation of the employment of their Sports Coordinator to deliver the following:

- **Leadership and Sports Extension:** 10 week per term course for students;
- **Fundamental Skill Development:** staff from all four schools to participate in STEPS training and delivery of adapted games;
- **Game Development:** link with sports codes to deliver sessions for class groups and during lunchtimes;
- **Coaching the Coaches:** a Winter and a Summer session run for coaches, including resources.

RPF Amount: $7,080