

Q. How are territorial authorities selected to participate in the rural travel fund?

A. SPARC has selected territorial authorities based on a formula that takes into account population and population density. Eligible councils have a population density of less than 10 people per square kilometre.

Q. Where can I get an application form?

A. Application forms can be obtained from territorial authorities.

Q. Who can apply to this fund?

A. Organisations and schools with participants aged between 5 and 19 years playing sport for a club or school club who meet the rural travel fund criteria.

Q. How can I find out about the criteria for the rural travel fund?

A. Contact your territorial authority for more information.

Q. Who should I contact for more information?

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Tasman Rural Travel Fund



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Introduction

Background

The Rural Travel Fund was developed in response to concerns raised by territorial authorities about the lack of participation in sport by young people living in rural communities. Geographical isolation, urban drift, lack of employment opportunities and access to mainstream funding were identified as barriers to sport participation.

It is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years. This is an interim measure until a rural participation strategy is fully developed and implemented.

The rural travel fund is designed to help subsidise travel for junior teams participating in local sport competition. The allocation of the fund is based on a population density formula for territorial authorities whom have less than 10 people per square kilometre based on 20c per capita (Source: Census Statistics 2001).

Rural Travel Fund Eligibilities

Application for the rural travel fund is open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams with young people aged between 5 and 19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

There are two funding rounds annually, the first closing on 30 April and the second closing on 31 October.

Please note: The rural travel fund is to be managed by the territorial authority and funding **should not** be provided for the purpose of travel to **regional** or **national** events.

Assessment Criteria

The following criteria shall be applied when considering applications for funding. School club teams and sport club teams are defined as:

“a school club team participating in local sport competition in weekends, that excludes inter school and intra school competitions played during school time” and/or;

“a sports club team participating in organised sport competition through club membership outside of school time”

Frequently Asked Questions

Administration

Q. What is the SPARC rural travel fund?

A. The SPARC rural travel fund is a partnership between SPARC and territorial authorities to assist the development of junior sport in rural communities by providing a travel subsidy.

Q. Who administers this funding?

A. Administration is provided through territorial authorities.

General

Q. Can individuals apply for funding?

A. No, all applications must come from sports club teams, and school based teams. Funding should not be distributed to individual players, coaches or officials for the purpose of travel.