

The 'Big Idea' Grant

The purpose of this grant is to enable us to invest in a larger project that will significantly improve the opportunities for young people to access physical activities in Nelson. The criteria are as for the NCPAF fund plus the following criteria:

- The project significantly increases participation in physical activity, sport or recreation in your organisation or community;
- Involves volunteers as key part of delivering the project;
- Develops new, innovative and exciting ideas;
- Has a plan for sustaining the project after the funding;
- Is well-planned and thought out;
- There is learning from the project that can be shared with others;
- Willing to be supported/mentored by Sport Tasman.

General guidance for the Big Idea Grant

1. We do not intend to solely fund a sporting event but your project can include an event, for example a showcase, community fun day, etc.
2. Although we are asking for new project ideas, they need to be well-thought out and have some evidence of both need for the project and links to related successful practice. For example, you might want to develop an idea from another region or country that would fulfil a need you have identified in your organisation or community.
3. The project design must include strong success indicators and ways to monitor and evaluate the project outcomes. It is recommended that baseline data is gathered as a way to measure progress.
4. The NCPAF committee will consider fully funding the all eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Exclusions for the Big Idea Grant

- Capital investment in sports grounds, buildings etc (consider requesting a loan from NCPAF).
- Salaries or general overheads. However, fair and reasonable volunteer expenses, materials and other project costs are eligible for funding.
- Research and development costs are excluded.

How to Apply for the Big Idea Grant

1. Complete an expression of interest form outlining your project.
2. Submit the form in line with the NCPAF general grants round.
3. The committee will shortlist up to 3 applicants to complete a full application.
4. Shortlisted applicants may be required to make a presentation to the committee about the project.