

COMMUNITY FUNDING SCHEME'S 2008/2009

Rural Travel Fund

1) 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 has been agreed by SPARC that the Rural Travel Fund shall once again be made available in 2008/2009 and 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 kilometer based on 35c per capita with a baseline/minimum entitlement of \$9,500 (Source: Census Statistics 2006).

2) Rural Travel Fund Eligibility

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.

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 **regional** or **national** events.

3) 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 team participating in regular 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 organized, regular sport competition through club membership outside of school time”.

Assessment Committee

Advertising for applications is carried out twice a year, March and August and the assessment committee meets the following month to decide on the successful applicants.

Payments

Payments to the successful applicant will be paid into their bank account on the 20th of the month following the meeting of the assessment committee.

Accountability Form

Accountability forms must be returned by the successful applicant by the date advised by the Local Authority, failing to do so will result in the application being ineligible for the next funding round.

Forms are available from

Grey District Council
Grey District Library
Runanga Service Centre

Contacts for further Information

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