

## **SCHEDULE SIX: Regional Sports and Recreation Grants Programme**

### ***'Aucklanders: more active, more often'***

**Auckland offers sport and recreation opportunities without equal in the southern hemisphere which inspire and encourage all Aucklanders to be more active, more often and to live healthy lifestyles. Recreation and sport is a part of the fabric of Auckland that makes it vibrant, fun and interesting, attracting people to live, work, visit and invest here. There are activities for everyone, as part of everyday life, in ways and places that appeal to them.**

*'Our Vision' – Auckland Sport and Recreation Strategic Action Plan*

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of the Regional Sports and Recreation Grants Programme is to support implementation of the Auckland Sport and Recreation Strategic Action Plan. This plan was developed with extensive input from the wider recreation and sport sector, and contains actions for both the sector and Auckland Council. The grants programme will support regional sector organisations in their efforts to inspire and encourage Aucklanders to be more active, more often.

### **Outcomes**

2. The outcomes sought through this fund are:

#### **Participation**

- There are affordable and accessible options for participation in informal physical activity, recreation and sport.
- Our diverse communities enjoy healthy and active lifestyles.
- Māori participation in sport and recreation activities has increased.

#### **Infrastructure**

- Participants in a wide range of physical activities, recreational activities and sports are equally able to access suitable facilities and outdoor environments.

### **Who and what the fund is targeting**

3. Applications are invited from organisations that meet the criteria for regional funding, and are:
  - Recreation and sport 'umbrella organisations' with a region-wide mandate
  - Regional federations or groupings of local or sub-regional sports code organisations
  - Sport and recreation providers or advocacy groups
  - Iwi and other Māori organisations active in the sport and recreation sector.
4. Regional Sports and Recreation Grants will be targeted towards the following purposes:
  - Supporting more equitable access to those sport and active recreation activities that do not currently benefit from dedicated or council-subsidised facilities and outdoor environments.
  - Programmes that enable children and young people to develop skills which will help them have lifelong participation in sport and recreation.

- Providing or supporting easier and more affordable access to populations with low participation rates in sport and recreation, particularly:
  - Māori
  - Children and young people
  - Populations with health and wellbeing needs
  - Those facing other barriers, such as access to transport and information
- 5. Regional Sports and Recreation Grants may be available to support a partnership between the council and another organisation to improve access to non-council owned facilities or outdoor recreation and sport assets. However, grants cannot be used for the development of new or existing facilities.

### **Funding opportunities**

- 6. This grants programme contains two distinct grant types: 'one-off' project grants, for standalone initiatives, and multi-year strategic relationship grants.
- 7. Details of the overall amount available in each financial year, and any amounts earmarked for particular purposes, will be published a minimum of three months in advance of each financial year.

#### *Project grants*

- 8. Project grants will be awarded through a contestable process once per year. The committee may run a second funding round later in the year to target specific priorities or if there are unspent funds. These grants will primarily support programmes as indicated above, but the council will consider supporting other innovative projects or initiatives that achieve the overall outcomes of the programme.

#### *Strategic relationship grants*

- 9. Auckland Council wants to enter multi-year funding relationships with a small number of strategic organisations operating at the regional level. These organisations are – or are capable of becoming – the 'cornerstones' of a thriving sport and recreation sector in Auckland. Refer to paragraphs 159-165 of the Community Grants Policy for more information about strategic relationship grants.

### **How grants will be allocated**

- 10. The governing body committee for this programme is the Parks, Sport and Recreation Committee of Auckland Council (or equivalent).
- 11. Potential applicants for project grants will complete an application form. Council staff will assess these applications and present their recommendations for the committee's consideration. The committee will make allocation decisions and set any grant conditions.
- 12. Potential applicants for strategic relationship grants will be invited to submit Expressions of Interest in the first instance. The governing body committee will select applicants to proceed to the next stage, with advice from council staff. Those applicants will be invited to develop comprehensive proposals for assessment, with a final decision by the governing body committee.