



Young People Aged 12 - 18 Para Sport Activation Fund 2020

FAQs

Who can apply?

Young people (aged 12 – 18) with an impairment eligible for Para sport, or organisations supporting these individuals.

What is the Minister's Discretionary Fund?

The Minister for Sport and Recreation has a small Discretionary Fund of \$44,000 per year. The Fund's is to support groups, individuals and organisations that are unable to obtain support through organisations such as Sport New Zealand, local government, or the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board, to support sports-related initiatives including participation in sport and recreation activities.

This year the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Hon Grant Robertson, is using the Fund to support disabled young people to get involved in sport, by providing funding to access to equipment and support.

What is Para sport?

Para sport refers to all sport for athletes with an IPC recognised [eligible impairment](#), whether they feature on the Paralympic Games programme or not. The International Federation must be recognised by the IPC and therefore operate under the IPC Athlete Classification Code.

See the full list of [Summer Para sports](#)

See the full list of [Winter Para sports](#)

What is an eligible impairment for Para sport?

The Paralympic Movement offers sport opportunities for athletes with physical, visual, and intellectual impairments. An athlete must have a health condition (disability) that leads to one or more of the 10 IPC recognised eligible impairments. These must be permanent in nature. You can read more about [eligible impairments](#) on our PNZ website.

What can be applied for?

Funds that support Para athlete pathway development will be considered and can be applied for to support, but not limited to, the following items:

- Travel
- Equipment
- Subscriptions
- Access to facilities
- Coaching
- Camps and associated fees

No retrospective funding will be considered.

Do I need to have a classification to apply?

To apply for this fund, you need to have an *eligible impairment for Para sport*.

If you do not have a Para sport classification and would like to seek eligibility, please contact PNZ Classification Manager Marguerite Christopher at mchristophers@paralympics.org.nz or 021 746 727 for more information.

Can I apply for costs associated with the running of events?

If you can show how your event will *directly benefit* young people aged 12-18 with an impairment eligible for Para sport, your application will be considered. If you are applying for event costs, please include figures regarding the number of young people aged 12-18 the event will benefit. Applications for events that do not demonstrate reach and impact on disabled young people's participation in sport and active recreation will not be considered.

Can I apply for salaries?

Salaries are not eligible for application.

Will the funding cover international travel?

This may be considered on a case by case bases.

If I am successful in my application, can I use the funds to cover other items associated with Para sport, but not covered in my application?

No, funds must be spent on the purpose approved by PNZ. Any unspent funds must be returned to PNZ.

When do the funds need to be spent by?

All funds must be spent within 12 months of receipt of funds into applicant's nominated bank account. If, for some unforeseen reason, the funds cannot be spent within 12 months from receipt of funding, please contact PNZ at hwilde@paralympics.org.nz for consideration of time extension.

What do I need to include in my accountability report?

By Tuesday 31 August 2021, every 2020 fund recipient will be required to return their accountability report to info@paralympics.org.nz. This report needs to include:

- Detail about how the funds were used
- Details of an underspend or overspend
- Detail about how the fund benefited you as a recipient
- Any other supporting documents (such as photos) that you would like to share with PNZ to demonstrate how the funds were used.

PNZ reserves the right to request receipts as proof of how the funds were spent.