



‘Swarms of grasshoppers’ to take to the courts

Wellington is about to be plagued by a swarm of budding ‘Grasshoppers’, the tennis kind that is.



TENNIS CENTRAL & GRASSHOPPERS

Tennis Central is the recipient of KiwiSport Funding to provide the ‘Grasshoppers’ programme to 13,500 children (across 42 new schools) in the Greater Wellington region over the next three years. Grasshoppers is a national tennis initiative aimed at introducing tennis to 5-10 year olds in schools.

The Grasshoppers programme is a games based programme that focuses on fundamental skills and provides a seamless integration in to the PE curriculum and directly links with children joining a national programme being introduced into tennis clubs.

The programme has taken elements of best practice from existing tennis in schools programmes and built on this to encompass exciting developments for children, teachers, coaches and clubs.



Charlie Cordwell, CEO Tennis Central, “Grasshoppers are the future of our sport, our aim is to make tennis accessible to all and to encourage children into a sport

that they can play for life.” Children will learn and be taught fundamental movement, striking and coordination skills through a fun games -based approach. Specifically, the programme aims to improve the following areas:

- Throwing
- Catching
- Balance
- Tracking
- Movement
- Striking



In addition, children will receive basic instructions in the four main tennis strokes and will be taught how to apply these in a game like situation. Many of the lessons are very basic with a focus on having fun and playing games using a tennis racquet and soft adapted tennis balls.



Tennis Central, Regional Development Manager, Mike Ryan “Grasshoppers creates a recognised competition pathway for kids not yet able to play regular tennis on a full-size tennis court. It’s a perfect formula for schools, coaches and clubs to work together to deliver a curriculum-based tennis programme in schools as well as offering a pathway for children to experience a tournament at their local tennis club.”

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KiwiSport Applications - Getting It Right

Applying for funding can be time consuming and there is no magic formula for success, however you can improve your chances by ensuring the application is completed correctly

Provided below is a mock application with tips and hints to highlight the quality and depth of information we would expect to see in a KiwiSport funding application. This example should be used as a guide only.

WHEEL MAD IN SCHOOL BIKING PROGRAMME

Overview

The Mad Mountain Bike Club (MMBC) in collaboration with Cool Cycling Club and Rad BMX Club intends to provide new opportunities for secondary school students, with the aim of increasing participation and new participants to cycling through the 'Wheel Mad Biking Programme'. The Wheel Mad Biking Programme will provide a quality biking programme for all secondary school students across the Greater Wellington Region which will enable them to gain biking skills necessary for control and confidence, and to participate in local/regional cycling events and competitions.

Project Overview,
Rationale, Statistics

Rationale

The 2009 SPARC Secondary School Sport Survey results indicated only 11% (368 students) of secondary school students from 16 Wellington secondary schools participated in cycling/biking as a sport in the last year. In addition to this, there is currently no regional secondary school cycling competition that exists in Wellington (2010 independent secondary school survey).

Aim

MMBC aims to address this void and increase the number of secondary school students participating in cycling (Mtb, Road Cycling or BMX) as a sport by providing an in-school cycling programme and a regional secondary school cycling competition (see project plan attached).

Partnerships with
Letters of Support

Partnerships:

16 secondary schools: Hollow, Gorge, Willow, West Central, Fort William, Bower, Whistler, Viper, East Bank, Lester, Riverdale, South Murray, Arden, Benhar, Highgate and Moray College have agreed to be a part of this project (refer to letters of support and comments attached). In addition, we have gained support from the following sports and community organisations: Cool Cycling Club, Rad BMX Club, Wellington Regional Cycling Federation, City Council, Scoot Bikes and University of Wellington (refer to letters of support attached).

Outcomes

- 16 secondary schools within Wellington region to receive 'Wheel Mad Biking Programme' (each school will receive a 5-week programme, 5x 3 hour weekly sessions).
- 3,350 kids complete 5-week biking programme .
- 25% (837 students) secondary schools students participating in cycling or biking as a sport.
- 28 teachers receive bike coaching training (4x 1 hourly sessions).
- 2x intra-school cycling events.
- 1x Inaugural Secondary School Regional Cycle Competition.
- 10% (n85) of new secondary school students joining or participating at a club level/club events.

Project Targets

Timeframes

Term 4 2010: 4 schools (900 kids) receiving 5-week programme, 2x school cycling events.
Term 1 2011: 4 schools (900 kids) receiving 5-week programme, 2x school cycling events.
Term 2 2011: 4 schools (800 kids) receiving 5-week programme, 2x school cycling events.
Term 3 2011: 4 schools (750 kids) receiving 5-week programme, 2x school cycling events.
End of term 3: Inaugural Secondary School Regional Cycling Competition.

Project Milestones

Budget

Total Project Cost: \$178,000, Partnership Contribution \$128,000, KiwiSport RPF Request \$50,000 (see full project budget attached)

Comprehensive
Budget Attached

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How To Write A Good KiwiSport Application

Writing a good funding application can be a pretty straight forward process, as long as you remember these simple rules:

- Make an appointment to meet with us to discuss your application and project.
- Allow yourself plenty of time and DON'T RUSH IT!!! (the earlier your application arrives, the more time we have to respond if anything is missing).
- Read all of the relevant information in the Wellington KiwiSport Regional Partnership Fund Plan.
- Ensure your application meets all the priorities, requirements and considerations.
- Complete the on-line application form correctly.
- Attach any additional information that is required.

What's Considered A Good KiwiSport Application

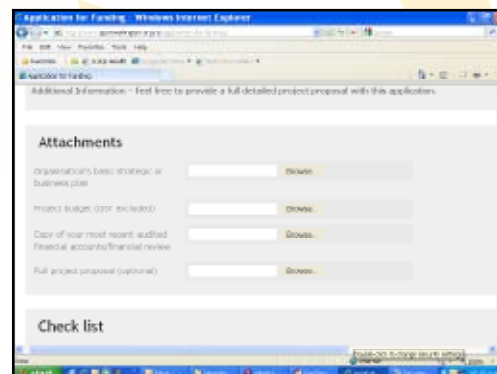
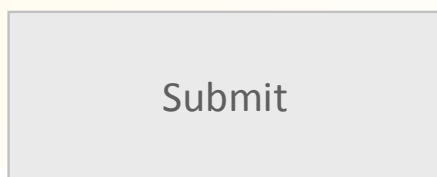
A good KiwiSport application should include all of the following information in depth as highlighted in the application example on page 2:

- Project overview/aim (WHAT)
- Project objectives/targets (WHAT, HOW MANY)
- Rationale/current numbers or figures (WHY)
- Project milestones (WHEN, HOW MANY)
- Partners/participants/players/volunteers (WHO)
- Comprehensive budget included (income/expenditure)
- Project plan attached and start & end dates included
- All requirements met and supporting evidence provided

KiwiSport Online Application - Walk Through Guide

1. Visit www.sportwellington.org.nz/kiwisport, click 'On Line Application', read all the information carefully then click 'Apply Now' button at the bottom of the page.

2. Fill in all the relevant sections. *Note:* the form can not be saved at anytime and will not submit unless it is completed correctly.



4. Submit. You will receive an email confirmation and copy of your submitted application.

3. Attach documents as appropriate (project plan/budget/strategic plan/partnerships/financials).

KiwiSport Headlines

KIWISPORT HEADLINES

Strengthening Secondary School Sports



Strengthening Secondary School Sports is a KiwiSport funded initiative lead by College Sport Wellington which aims to provide new sporting opportunities for secondary school students, through partnerships with four sports namely Table Tennis, Futsal, Handball and Bowls (and their respective clubs, RSO's and NSO's) with the intent of increasing participation and new participants to these sports.

College Sport Wellington proposes to have over 1500 students participating in these sports, with ideally half being new to the sport. Further more, College Sport Wellington will provide the vital link required between secondary schools and Table Tennis, Futsal,

Handball and Bowls. John Hornal, executive director of College Sport Wellington, "This initiative is about getting more young people into sport and to support them in skill development and enjoyment of the game."

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Senior Pupils Could Hold Key To Shortage Of Coaches

A shortage of cricket coaches could become a thing of the past if a new move by Cricket Wellington pays off. Senior



college students will get an opportunity to learn the skills required to coach the game and this has come after Cricket Wellington secured additional funding from KiwiSport through Sport Wellington.

"We recognise there is a stress on junior cricketers and junior cricket teams in terms of available coaches and at the same time we recognised there is an untapped potential with regards to senior students and the opportunity for them to become coaches," Cricket Wellington manager of special projects Peter Clinton said.

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