



CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who is eligible for the SPARC Rural Travel Fund?

Carterton District school teams and sports club teams with young people aged between 5-19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions. Individuals are not eligible.

2. Is our school (or club) eligible to apply?

Your school (or club) is eligible for the grant if they are based in the Carterton District and meet one of the following definitions:

- A *school club team* participating in 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 organised sport competition through club membership outside of school time

3. If I meet the above criteria are there reasons why my application may be declined?

Funding will not be provided for the purpose of travel to regional or national events.

Funding will not be provided to cover costs associated with payment of coaches or officials or reimbursement of their expenses (including travel costs).

If you have previously received a grant and have not submitted an accountability form you may be excluded from receiving funding.

4. What is the funding to be used for?

Transport expenses to local sporting events.

5. Can I use the funding to help pay for travel expenses to get to National Champs?

No, the fund is for travel to regular, local competition for e.g. Saturday morning or week night games and practices.

6. Can we fund a school team for a one off or annual inter-school competition?

No, the fund is for travel to regular, local competition as described above.

7. How much funding can I apply for?

There is no limit to the amount you can apply for, however Carterton District Council is allocated a total of \$9,500 plus GST which is split between eligible applicants. Consideration of the amount granted is based on the number of participants of a school or sports club and the likely number of sports competitions attended.

If you are GST registered, GST will be paid in addition to the funding applied for.

8. When and how will I receive my funding?

The SPARC Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee will meet in August to assess applications. You will be advised after this meeting whether your application was successful and the grant will be paid to your bank account following applications approvals.

9. How often will the SPARC Rural Travel Funding Round be open during 2011/2012?

The SPARC Rural Travel Fund will only be opened once during 2011/2012.

10. What are my responsibilities?

SPARC requires clubs and schools that receive funding to return an accountability form. Carterton District Council requests this form be returned by 30 June 2012, showing proof of purchases made within that period. Clubs and schools need to attach any receipts to the accountability form.