



Basketball New Zealand Partnership Fund 2026

Overview

Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ) is committed to supporting our Associations with the delivery of Basketball in their communities.

Each year the BBNZ Board will make available monies to new initiatives that align with the [BBNZ Strategic Plan](#). The intention of the fund is to support new initiatives not BAU.

In 2026 the BBNZ board will make available from 1 March – 31 July \$100,000.

[BBNZ Partnership Fund Form 2026](#)

An assessment committee will be established to review all applications made. The Assessment Committee will be made up of:

- 2 x BBNZ Board Members
- 1 x CEO/CFO of BBNZ
- 1 x former association member North Island
- 1 x former association member South Island
- 1 x member of the BBNZ Community Team
- 1 x independent – selected by the BBNZ Board

Objective

The fund is an open-access funding initiative designed to empower Basketball New Zealand-affiliated associations to develop and implement initiatives that align with BBNZ's Strategic Intent 2024-2028.

Who can apply?

- The contestable fund is open to applications from all Associations members.
- Associations may only receive funding once per annum.
- Applications for different initiatives can be made by the same Association.

How does it work?

- The fund is managed by BBNZ and aims to provide funding for new initiatives delivered by Associations that align with the Strategic Plan.
- The initiative must be actioned within in the financial year January to December.
- Consideration will be given to distribution of funds across the basketball network.
- **Funding shall cover up to a maximum of 50% of the initiatives cost.**



- It is at the discretion of the committee if the full requested amount or a portion of it is to be granted.
- Funding requests to contribute to staff salaries and/or wages will not be considered.
- Application form must be completed online, and all requested documents provided.
- Successful applications will receive a partnership and funding agreement with BBNZ and be required to provide updates and report on their activity. They must also be willing to contribute and share information with the Basketball network.

Time Frame 2026*

9 March	Applications are open
13 April	Applications closed
12 April onwards	Committee meets to discuss and review applications
22 April	Announcement of successful applicants
Date TBC	Funds to be distributed once partnership & funding agreement signed by both parties

*If for any reason the timeline needs to change the Assessment Committee will inform all applicants.