

FUNDING SUPPORT FOR ATHLETES AND SPORTS

The NZOC continues to provide a high level of support to athletes and National Federations through various programmes and initiatives.

Olympic Solidarity Funding

A total of \$584,268 was distributed by the NZOC in 2024 to New Zealand National Federations and athletes through Olympic Solidarity. This revenue provides considerable value to the New Zealand sporting sector, both promoting the Olympic and Commonwealth Games Movements and directly contributing to New Zealand athlete success on the world stage.

A total of 17 National Federations received Olympic Solidarity funding during 2024 with the highest recipients being basketball, fencing, hockey, surfing and ice hockey.

Paris 2024 Olympic Games Athlete Scholarships commenced in 2022 and were completed in 2024. During 2024, the recipients were: Connor Bell (athletics), Justina Kitchen (yachting), Molly Meech (yachting),

Georgia Nugent-O’Leary (rowing), Tayler Reid (triathlon), Zac Reid (swimming), Eve Thomas (swimming) and Nicole van der Kaay (triathlon). Five of the eight grant holders qualified and were selected for Paris.

The Milano Cortina 2026 Athlete Scholarships commenced in 2024 for those athletes vying for qualification and selection to the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games. The recipients are: Luca Harrington (freestyle), Luke Harrold (freestyle), Fin Melville Ives (freestyle), Ruby Star Andrews (freestyle) and Cool Wakushima (snowboard).

The NZOC would like to thank Olympic Solidarity, the IOC and ONOC for their continued support of New Zealand sports, athletes and legacy programmes through Olympic Solidarity. We would particularly like to acknowledge the work of James Macleod and Sheila Stephens Desbans and their colleagues at Olympic Solidarity. We continue to enjoy an incredibly positive and collaborative relationship with this organisation.

The NZOC Athletes’ Collective

This collective continues to provide considerable opportunities and remuneration for athletes via the NZOC’s commercial partnerships.

In 2024, athletes received a combined value of \$185,000 for their participation in Athlete Collective fulfilment with our Partners. Alongside this, high levels of partner engagement were seen with 19 out of our 20 Domestic Partners using the Collective, with our TOP Partners providing additional leverage of the programme.

The New Zealand Olympic Foundation

In 2024, the New Zealand Olympic Foundation (NZOF) secured over \$2,500,000 to support the NZOC’s core functions, including Games-time preparation, sending New Zealand teams to international competitions, and sustaining NZOC operations. In addition, \$2,155,000 was gifted to the NZOF Endowment Fund, including the amalgamation of the Edgar Olympic Fund, which will ensure dividends will support our initiatives for generations to come. Our Member Sport NSOs also benefitted significantly from the NZOF’s NSO Collab programme, which helped raise more than \$1.6m for their own philanthropic initiatives.

Internationally, our American Foundation raised over US\$250k with the help and support of our LA28 Club of influential donors and business leaders, ensuring our

New Zealand Team is ready to excel at Los Angeles 2028. Meanwhile, we are progressing with the establishment of our Australian Foundation, which will play a critical role as we build towards Brisbane 2032.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our devoted Olympic Donor Family. Your passion, commitment and generosity continue to advance NZOC’s mission: inspiring pride and excellence in all New Zealanders while fostering healthier futures through the NZOF.

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We also extend our thanks to the team at the Commonwealth Games Federation whose support is highly valued.

Solidarity Funds Approved for Sporting Organisations and Athletes in 2024	NZD
Archery New Zealand Inc	\$14,767
Artistic Swimming NZ	\$4,368
Badminton New Zealand	\$20,200
Basketball New Zealand	56,454
Beach Volleyball	\$12,306
Canoe Racing New Zealand	\$15,966
Climbing New Zealand	\$1,648
Diving New Zealand	\$14,767
Fencing New Zealand	\$42,944
Hockey New Zealand	25,570
Judo New Zealand	\$16,310
New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation	\$7,383
NZ Olympic Wrestling Union & Association Styles Inc	\$14,767
NZ Water Polo Association	20,507
Skateboarding NZ Inc	\$6,153
Snow Sports New Zealand	\$3,773
Surfing New Zealand	\$21,448
Weightlifting NZ	\$16,471
Cycling New Zealand	\$221
Gymnastics New Zealand	\$4,804
Ice Speed Skating NZ Inc	\$6,343
New Zealand Football	\$4,002
Table Tennis NZ	\$8,082
Paris Olympics 2024 Athlete Scholarships	\$90,344
Paris Olympics 2024 Refugee Athlete Scholarships	\$18,193
Milano Cortina 2026 Athlete Scholarships	\$136,481
	\$584,268

