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MEDIA RELEASE

Supporting Manus youth through grassroots sports

Manus youth will have more opportunities to play and compete in sports as part of a package of community development grants to 16 sports associations announced today.

The Australian and Manus Provincial Governments announced the grants in a ceremony in Lorengau. The grants are part of a program by both governments to improve the lives of vulnerable youth.

Sixteen sports associations will receive K305,000 to coordinate Local Level Government competitions and to select and prepare teams for the 2014 PNG National Games.

A further K215,000 will go towards the refurbishment of community sports facilities and to supplement the Manus Provincial Government's travel assistance for athletes to attend the Manus Games.

Counsellor, Development Cooperation, at the Australian High Commission, Robert Brink, said the lack of recreational and sporting opportunities was among the causes of youth turning to homebrew consumption.

"This program will provide more than 14,000 young people from across the province with more sporting competitions, better facilities and a greater chance of going to the Manus Games," Mr Brink said.

The funding will be provided by Australia through the Manus Support – Community Development program, a joint initiative by the Australian and Manus Provincial Governments.

Further stages of the program will include assistance for communities, vulnerable youth, women and children, to access income generation and livelihood opportunities.

The program is building the capacity of the Manus Provincial Administration to implement community development initiatives over four years, as part of Australia's additional assistance for Manus Province.

It complements the Strongim Pipol Strongim Nesen, small community grants scheme, which is supporting 11 community development projects in Manus.

GRANTS FOR MANUS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AS PART OF THE PROGRAM			
Applicant Name	Funding	Competition locations	Main activities
Manus Soccer Association	19,887	All 12 LLGs	Coordinate 12 LLG soccer competitions and select, train and prepare a team to represent Manus at the PNG national games.
Manus Hockey Association	19,912	Losnegros, Lelemadi Bupichupeu, Rapatona, Balopa, Pobuma, Penabu Nali, Nrth Wstern	Conduct training for administrators, coaches and umpires; run competitions in 7 LLGs; select and prepare a squad for PNG Games
Manus Amateur Basketball Association	19,381	Lorengau Urban, Losnegros, Lelemadi Bupichupeu, Rapatona	Train coaches, umpires and officials from 4 LLGs; complete 4 LLG competitions and select and prepare team for PNG National Games
Manus Amateur Boxing Association	19,750	Lelemadih Bupichupeu, Lorengau Urban, PenabuNau, Pobuma,	Train coaches, umpires and officials from 5 LLGs; complete 5 LLG competitions and select and prepare team for PNG National Games
Manus Table Tennis Association	13,003	Lorengau Urban, Los Negros, Pobuma	Coordinate and complete competitions in 4 LLGs
Manus Para Sports Association	19,793	Lorengau Urban, Losnegros, Bupichupeu, Penabu-Nali, Balopa,	Coordinate and complete competitions in 5 LLGs and select and prepare a team for the PNG National Games
Manus Amateur Swimming Association	19,624	Lorengau Urban, Los Negros, Lelemadi Bupichupeu, Penabu-Nali, Bisakani Sopharibeu, Balopa, Rapatona	Conduct training of officials and swimming competitions in 9 LLGs; prepare and select a team for the PNG National Games
Manus Amateur Athletics Association	19,120	Lorengau Urban, Losnegros, Lelemadi Bupichupeu, Penabu-Nali, Bisakani Sopharibeu, Balopa, Rapatona,	Complete competitions in 4 schools and 7 LLGs; prepare and select a team for the PNG National Games
Manus Karate Association	17,711	Lorengau Urban	Conduct training sessions and tournaments in 5 LLGs; prepare and select a team for the PNG National Games
Manus Darts Association	19,035	Lorengau Urban, Losnegros, Balopa, Pobuma Tetipu, PNKA, Lelemandi	Complete competitions in 6 LLGs and select a team for the PNG National Games
Manus Amateur Volleyball Association	19,656	Lorengau Urban, Lelebupi, Bisakani, Penabu Nali, Balopa	Complete refereeing and coaching clinics, and competitions in 6 LLGs; select and prepare team for National Games
Manus School Sports Association	19,899	Lorengau Urban, Los Negros, Tetidu, Lelemadih	Inter-house competitions completed in schools in 5 LLGs and schools team selected for participation in Provincial Games
Manus Triathlon Association	19,159	Urban, Los Negros, Lelemandih	Training and competitions completed in 3 LLGs and team selected and prepared for National Games

Manus Body Building Association	19,900	Lelemasih, Bupichupeu, Lorengau Urban, Balopa, PenabuNau, Pobuma, Los Negros	Facilitate training for competitors from 3 LLGs and prepare for National Games
Manus Va'a Sports Association (Canoe)	19,646	Lorengau Urban, Bisakani, Pometu, Rapatona, Penabu, Pobuma	Establish 3 LLG level associations and conduct competitions
Manus Netball Association	19,826	Lorengau Urban, Losnegros, Lelemadi Bupichupeu, Penabu-Nali, Bisakani Sopharibeu, Balopa, Rapatona,	Train officials in 7 LLGs and conduct LLG competitions; select and prepare a team for the PNG National Games

SPORT FACILITY UPGRADES AS A PART OF THE PROGRAM				
Type of Facility	Owner of Facility	Location	Usage By Codes	Estimated Expenditure
Playing/Athletic Field	Catholic Church	Papitalai SS Los Negros LLG	Soccer & Athletics	K10,000.00
Playing Court Surface	Catholic Church	Papitalai SS Los Negros LLG	Basketball & Volleyball	K9,000.00
Playing Court Surface	Catholic Church	Papitalai SS Los Negros LLG	Netball	K6,000.00
Playing Field	Government	Manus SS Lor Urban LLG	Soccer & Hockey	K10,000.00
Playing Court Surface	Government	Manus SS Lor Urban LLG	Basketball & Volleyball	K6,000.00
Playing Court Surface	Manus Provincial Government	Manus SS Lor Urban LLG	Netball	K4,000.00
Playing Field	ECOM Church	ECOM SS Lelemadih LLG	Soccer	K10,000.00
Playing Field	ECOM Church	ECOM SS Lelemadih LLG	Hockey	K10,000.00
Playing Court Surface	ECOM Church	ECOM SS Lelemadih LLG	Netball	K6,000.00
Playing Court Surface	ECOM Church	ECOM SS Lelemadih LLG	Basketball & Volleyball	K9,000.00
Playing Court Surface	Po-il Family	Pondelis Vill. Lelemadih LLG	Basketball	K9,000.00
Playing Court Surface	Po-il Family	Pondelis Vill. Lelemadih LLG	Netball	K7,000.00
Playing Court Surface	Po-il Family	Pondelis Vill. Lelemadih LLG	Volleyball	K4,000.00

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