

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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GAMING		
Gaming Machine Societies <i>List of Society Websites</i>	www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Services-Casino-and-Non-Casino-Gaming-List-of-Society-Websites	
Funder	Info	Dates
Air Rescue and Community Services www.airrescueservices.co.nz <i>as at 20/7/26: 1 x Leithfield Location</i>	Air Rescue Services Ltd was incorporated in February 2002 for the purpose of operating gaming machines to raise funds for distribution to charitable and community organisations. The company's primary funding objective is to support the vital community work and development of rescue and medical equipment and services in the Canterbury, West Coast, Otago, Marlborough, Wellington, Manawatu-Wanganui, Hawkes Bay, Auckland and Northland regions. However, grants are also made to other community groups and organisations that qualify for grant assistance under the company's legislated Authorised Purpose.	Grants Committee meets around the 20th of each month to discuss and consider all grant applications received. Applications close around 10 working days prior (see meeting schedule) to each meeting, and any received after this time will be presented for consideration at the following meeting.
Aotearoa Gaming Trust www.agt.nz <i>as at 20/7/26: no Hurunui venues.</i>	Aotearoa Gaming Trust is a proud funding provider to a wide range of community groups and charitable causes within New Zealand.	Always open for applications that benefit the community. In most cases, applications are processed within 20 working days. Requests for grants larger than \$30,000 or more are reviewed at the next available monthly Board of Trustees meeting.

Four Winds Foundation www.fourwindsfoundation.co.nz/grants/who-can-apply <i>as at 20/7/26: no Hurunui venues.</i>	Four Winds Foundation funds are available for any charitable, philanthropic, amateur sporting, arts, cultural activities or something that provides benefit to a significant portion of the community in a non-commercial sense.	The 'Four Winds Foundation Grants Committee' meets every month to consider applications received in the previous month. Meetings are usually held on the last week of every month, although some exceptions may apply.
Kiwi Gaming Foundation www.kiwigaming.org.nz <i>as at 20/7/26: 1 x Greta Valley location</i>	Was Christchurch Earthquake Recovery Trust. The Foundation's focus is now on supporting amateur sport, education, arts and culture, and other community initiatives in Canterbury, Dunedin and New Plymouth.	Kiwi Gaming Foundation meets every 3 weeks to review applications.
Lion Foundation (Auckland) www.lionfoundation.nz <i>as at 20/7/26: 1 x Amberley location</i>	Organisation must be incorporated (e.g., under the Incorporated Societies Act or Charitable Trusts Act). It must also have Charities Commission registration or an IRD income tax exemption (e.g., for sports bodies as a body promoting amateur games and sports).	Meets monthly except January. Advise to have application in 8 weeks prior.
New Zealand Community Trust www.nzct.org.nz <i>as at 20/7/26: no Hurunui venues.</i>	NZCT's main focus is to provide funds for amateur sport – around 75% of our grants are for sporting purposes. We also support other important causes, including rescue and lifesaving services, community groups, education and culture. <i>If we have gaming machines generating funds in your community, then we are likely to have funds available for distribution.</i>	There are no deadlines, but you should submit your application at least 10 weeks before you need to use any resulting funds as we can't reimburse you for money you've already spent.
Pub Charity Limited www.pubcharitylimited.org.nz <i>as at 20/7/26: no Hurunui venues.</i>	Pub Charity Limited distributes grants to worthy community organisations all over New Zealand through the funds raised in gaming machines hosted in our member hotels and taverns.	
The Mainland Foundation www.mainlandfoundation.co.nz <i>as at 20/7/26: 2 x Hanmer locations</i>	Organisation that was established to distribute funds generated from their gaming venues. The Foundation maintains an open and equitable funding regime that enables non-profit organisation	Meet fortnightly to decide on applications. Event applications must be received at least 8 weeks prior.

The Trusts Community Foundation www.ttcfltd.org.nz <i>as at 20/7/26:</i> 1 x Culverden location, 1 x Amberley location, 1 x Cheviot location	Trust Community Foundation are a National Charitable Trust distributing funds to the community of New Zealand from the proceeds of gaming machines operated in Licensing Trusts, private hotels, TABs and some sports clubs around NZ. The Foundation support a broad cross section of non-profit community groups, charities, welfare agencies and educational organisations as well as many amateur sporting clubs and the Racing Industry.	CLOSES: 1st of each month Monthly meetings: www.ttcfltd.org.nz/how-to-apply/funding-rounds
OTHERS – Canterbury area (including national agencies with local connection)		
Funder	Info	Dates
Ara Foundation Trust Christchurch http://arafoundation.co.nz/grants/	Grants are available to students and staff at Ara Institute. Application needs to meet the following Trust objectives: • To promote and support the general educational purposes and activities of the Polytechnic • To improve the educational facilities of the polytechnic • To provide financial assistance (including the provision of scholarships and bursaries) to students of the Polytechnic on such conditions (if any) as they deem appropriate • To support student educational activities of the polytechnic • To support staff education and development projects of the Polytechnic • To support innovative educational projects undertaken by staff of the polytechnic • To support any other educational or charitable enterprise.	Round One 2026 Applications for round one grant opened on 2 March and closed on 13 March 2026. Round Two 2026 Applications for round two grant will open on 20 July and close on 31 July 2026. Round Three 2026 Applications for round two grant will open on 12 October and closes on 23 October 2026.
Canterbury Waste Minimisation Grant https://ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/community-funding/waste-minimisation-in-canterbury-grant	The Canterbury Waste Joint Committee is responsible for advancing regional solid waste and hazardous waste minimisation in Canterbury. Regional waste minimisation initiatives actioned by the Committee are in addition to member Councils' responsibilities as required by the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, and as set out in each	OPEN: 1 May and closes 31 May 2026.

	Councils' respective waste minimisation plan.	
Christchurch Airport Community Fund www.christchurchairport.co.nz/about-us/giving-back/community-fund	Our Community Fund is focused on: • sustainability – looking after our place (we're considered world class in our sustainability endeavours and successes), • safety and wellbeing – looking after our communities, and • innovation – we're not scared to think 'out of the box' about something and make a plan to deliver it.	Applications close on Wed 31 March 2027.
Environment Canterbury www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/support/waitaha-action-to-impact-fund/	Best for projects that build environmental awareness, empower volunteers, or create visible community action. This might include projects that involve education, engagement, or community-led projects that cross multiple themes. This fund could help community groups, rūnanga, and non-profit organisations deliver projects across Waitaha Canterbury that engage people in action on the ground, build capacity, and deliver tangible outcomes. Note: This fund is not open to individuals, businesses, educational institutions, or government agencies.	OPEN: December 2026 and closes February 2027
www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/community-funding/cwms-action-plan-fund-formerly-administered-by-the-water-zone-committees	The Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Action Plan Fund supports community action that improves water quality, restores habitats, and strengthens kaitiakitanga. It enables local projects that help deliver CWMS Action Plans across the region. Previously, funding was awarded by the former water zone committees, however it will be fully contestable for the 2025/26 year.	OPEN: December 2026 and closes February 2027
Fonterra in our communities	If you have a community initiative / project that you would like support with & would like more information, please contact us at: InOurCommunity@fonterra.com	
MainPower Community Funding	The MainPower Community Fund distributes \$40,000 twice a year to	There are two funding rounds every year,

www.mainpower.co.nz/community/community-funding/	support not-for-profit organisations, community groups, and schools doing great things in the communities on our network.	closing in September and March.
The Manchester Unity Welfare Trust Board https://muwelfaretrust.org.nz/grant-application/	Following a study into the needs of the elderly community in Canterbury undertaken by Barrer & Co in 2023-24, Manchester Unity Welfare Trust Board's granting focus for the 2026 grant round is "Improving the Health and Wellbeing of the Elderly".	The Grant process commences in March. Applications close at the end of April.
Ngai Tahu Fund (Christchurch) Haea Te Awa - Regional Investment Fund https://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/te-runanga-o-ngai-tahu/our-work-pou/haea-te-awa/	Haea Te Awa was created to ensure a focus on the formation of Papatipu Rūnanga development and regional rangatiratanga. This was a strong theme that emerged from the Papatipu Rūnanga Aspirations Group presentations, 'Auahi-Auora', in 2016. In 2019, the following outputs of Haea te Awa were approved at the November Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu hui. The primary goal of Haea te Awa is to enable all 18 Papatipu Rūnanga to achieve economic self-determination to improve whānau outcomes.	
Rata Foundation www.ratafoundation.org.nz/funding/apply-for-funding enquiry@ratafoundation.org.nz Free Phone: 0508 266 878 Phone: 03 335 0305	Funding focuses on empowering people to thrive and strengthening communities. Occurs across five different funding areas – Learn, Support, Connect, Participate and Sustain. 1. Small Grants Programme (under \$20K) 2. Large Grants Programme (\$20K+) 3. Building projects 4. Community Loans	Can apply at any time. However, you can only receive one grant in each Rātā Foundation financial year (1 April to 31 March). This is based on the approval date of your application.
Rural Women New Zealand Community Fund www.ruralwomennz.nz/our-funds-and-grants		We have various funds and grants available to apply for throughout the year. Each fund and grant have a different closing date, amount, and eligibility criteria.

Sport Canterbury www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/funding/tu-manawa www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/funding/canterbury-sports-foundation-1	Tū Manawa: Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa (Tū Manawa) is an activation fund that supports tamariki and rangatahi, particularly those that are less active, to access quality play, active recreation, or sport opportunities of their choice in their community or school and kura. Canterbury Sports Foundation: Focus on the financial support of pre-high performance athletes who have shown potential at a national or international level and require special assistance to develop further.	Major Round: 1 July - 31 July 2026 (for applications up to \$30,000) Fast Fund November: 2 Nov - 25 Nov 2026 (for applications up to \$10,000) Fast Fund February: 8 Feb - 4 March 2027 (for applications up to \$10,000) OPEN: 20 May - 31 August for events between 1 September and 23 November OPEN: 16 Sept – 23 Nov for events between 24 November and 31 January
Transpower CommunityCare Fund www.transpower.co.nz www.transpower.co.nz/communitycare-fund	The CommunityCare Fund will consider funding for: • projects in communities within 2km of our overhead lines and who are affected by our assets (you can check the distance from your project to our assets using this interactive map or simply phone or email us and we can advise) • one-off projects seeking a grant up to the value of \$15,000 • lasting projects that have wider-reaching benefits to the community • projects with a high level of community involvement and participation • committed projects with funds already raised from other sources.	1. Review project against the funding criteria. 2. Submit an expression of interest. 3. Invited to submit full application. Stage 1: Expression of Interest Expressions of Interest can be submitted during the following months each year: Summer funding round Opens: 1 October

	• Development • Issue-based responses	Closes 11:59pm 31 October. Winter funding round Closes 11:59pm 30 April. <i>These dates are the same each year.</i>
Untouched World Foundation www.untouchedworldfoundation.com/wmprogramme	The Whakaraupō Moana programme is a five-day, immersive wānanga designed to grow the next generation of leaders who are connected to place, confident in themselves, and committed to a thriving future for people and planet.	Applications are now closed for this programme.
NATIONAL – outside of Canterbury		
ANZ New Zealand Staff Foundation www.anz.co.nz/about-us/corporate-responsibility/community/staff-foundation	Funding criteria. The Foundation supports registered New Zealand charities whose work fulfils one or more of the following purposes: • To assist in the promotion of financial literacy. • To provide opportunities for all New Zealanders to achieve economic and social independence. • To provide access to learning opportunities that prepare people for meaningful work and a high quality of life. • To assist people working together to create viable and secure communities. • To assist communities to conserve New Zealand's natural and historic resources. • A maximum of \$25,000 can be requested by each charity per funding round.	Funding Rounds: OPENS: 1 January CLOSES: 5pm, 15 February OPENS: 1 July CLOSES: 5pm, 15 August <i>or on the next business day if either of these dates fall on a weekend or public holiday.</i> February funding round: Applicants notified of the outcome early May. Funds to be used between May and October. August funding round: Applicants notified of the outcome late October. Funds to be used between November and April.
Ara Taiohi www.arataiohi.org.nz/youth-week	Youth Week May – mid to late May (whole week) Youth Week grants will fund events that celebrate and create youth development opportunities for young people and their communities.	OPEN: early in the year Funds up to \$1000 + GST

Arts Foundation of New Zealand Wellington www.thearts.co.nz www.thearts.co.nz/awards/springboard-award	Springboard aims to kickstart arts careers for artists at a formative stage of their career in Aotearoa, thanks to funding from our generous community. A Springboard artist is someone who... • Is looking at the potential for the deepening of knowledge around a practice. • Has not yet had significant exposure of their practice and/or participation in exhibitions that were independent and not linked to their studies. • Would this opportunity support that person to go further in their practice?	Springboard nominations for 2026 closed on Friday 5 December.
Blogg Charitable Trust www.bloggcharitabletrust.org/donate	Our beneficiaries are children facing severe circumstances and hardship who are engaged with a social support organisation. These people are missing out on things that many of us take for granted—being involved in sports and creative activities, buying clothes, owning equipment useful for daily living.	Individual: are for individual applicants working with a supporting agency/service provider (who can submit the application on behalf of the individual) with a strong emphasis on working with families with children up to 21 years old (where there is financial hardship/disability and the parent/s have a CSC). Organisation: are for service providers in the disability sector. Organisations must be registered charities. Donations are made throughout the year to a maximum of \$1,000 per financial year.
Canon in the Community www.canon.co.nz/about-canon/community	• Community Sponsorship & Donations • Canon Oceania Grants	

Catalytic Foundation www.catalytic.org.nz/community_grants	Priority Areas • Whanau/Family • Early years support • Youth development • Accommodation/housing • Food security and sustainability • Community services • Māori and Pacifica communities • Refugee, migrant and multi-cultural communities • Skill development / financial literacy Fund small to medium sized, community-based organisations, who do not have large inhouse marketing or fundraising resources and are providing direct social services to whanau/families and individuals.	OPENS: 1 October 2026
Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) www.communitymatters.govt.nz/community-organisations-grants-scheme/	This scheme provides government-funded grants to support voluntary and not-for-profit organisations working in local communities and neighbourhoods.	OPEN: April to 13 May 2027 DECISION BY: late July 2027
Creative NZ https://creativenz.govt.nz/funding-and-support/all-opportunities	Browse all the opportunities we offer, including funding, awards, fellowships, scholarships, and bursaries.	OPEN: various times of the year
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Foundation https://www.nfdhh.org.nz/content/grants-scholarships/gloea0	The NFD Trust offers grants and scholarships to New Zealanders who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Grants are also available to those who are hearing able and work in the Deaf and hard of hearing sector. • Community Fund • Hearing Aid Fund • Education Scholarship	OPEN: various times of the year

	• Training & Development Scholarship • Noonan Bequest	
DOC www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/	Various funding sources available for community groups and landowners.	
Ethnic Communities www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/funding/ethnic-communities-development-fund/about-the-fund/ethnic-communities-development-fund-policies	They should fit within the Ministry's strategic priorities to support ethnic communities, grow their skills, celebrate culture and take part in society.	You can apply at any time as there is no closing date, the fund is open. We aim to get back to you within 12 weeks . Please apply well in advance of your event or project.
Halberg Activity Fund https://halberg.co.nz/club/activity-fund-grants/	The Halberg Activity Fund is a grant that for helps reduce financial barriers for young people (aged 5 to 21) with physical disabilities and their whānau to participate in sport and recreation. Funding can support costs such as equipment, lessons or coaching or assistance at school camp.	Applications must be submitted by the third Monday of every month (excluding December) to be considered.
Harcourts Foundation www.harcourtsfoundation.org/new-zealand	What are our primary objectives? • The advancement of social and community welfare in New Zealand. • The relief of poverty in New Zealand. • The care, support and protection of the aged, children, and young people and people with disability in New Zealand. • The promotion of community development to enhance social and economic participation in New Zealand. • The promotion and fostering of art and culture in New Zealand. • The promotion of education in New Zealand including the establishment and support of schools, universities and other	Application rounds 2026 Round 70 8 June 2026 - 26 August 2026 Round 71 31 August 2026 - 9 Nov 2026 Round 72 16 Nove 2026 - 26 Feb 2027

	educational establishments. • The provision of facilities for the education of pupils of schools, universities or other education establishments.	
Hugh Green Foundation Auckland www.hgfoundation.co.nz	Hugh Green Foundation is dedicated to improving living standards and the social well-being of New Zealand communities. • Advancing Innovate Medical Research • Reducing Poverty & Community Development • Improving Health Outcomes and Health Equity • Increasing Education Opportunities for our Young Learners	
Internet NZ https://internetnz.nz/funding/grants/current-grants/	InternetNZ Ipurangi Aotearoa provides contestable funding to support community-led initiatives that work towards digital equity and a safer, more positive Internet.	
Kinetic www.wearekinetic.com/sustainability/our-community/moving-communities-fund	Kinetic looks to support organisations and initiatives that: • are complementary of our mission and values • drive positive change and impact in one or more of our priority community areas: • Accessibility and health • Community services and groups (e.g. social welfare, sporting, special interest) • Diversity and inclusion (e.g. women, LGBTQ+, CALD) • Education and research • Environment and climate change • First Nations culture and engagement • Māori and Pasifika culture and engagement • Youth and children • are active and service in a location (or locations) in which we operate, and • are community-based (and non-political or religious organisations).	
Lottery Fund (DIA)	The purpose of the Lottery Fund is to distribute the profits of New	Round 1 - OPEN: 22 July to 18 August

www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-fund	Zealand lotteries, for community purposes only, to projects, initiatives and activities that deliver community benefit of a public nature, and contribute to the building of strong, sustainable communities in New Zealand. Funding applications will need to show how the project, initiative or activity will support building strong, sustainable communities, in one or more of the following five areas. • Community self- reliance, capacity building and stability • Opportunities for social, recreational, civil or cultural participation and reducing or overcoming barriers to such participation • Community and environmental health • Development and preservation of New Zealand's arts, culture, heritage and national identity • Sports and recreation Application Type: • Operational costs for community support services • Community projects • Community Facilities • Equipment for people with disabilities	DECISION BY: early November Round 2 - OPEN: 2 Sept to 29 Sept DECISION BY: mid-late December Round 3 - OPEN: 6 January to 2 February DECISION BY: late April Round 4 - OPEN: 24 Feb to 23 March DECISION BY: mid June
Mazda Foundation www.mazdafoundation.org.nz	The Mazda Foundation Trust aims include (but are not limited to) the provision of financial aid to individuals and causes which may qualify for income tax deductibility for gifts and which provide: • Assistance towards the maintenance and improvement of the natural environment • Assistance in the advancement of culture and education to achieve excellence at all levels in the community	There are two closing dates for funding rounds every year: 31 March and 30 September.

	• Assistance to young people through advancement of education and employment skills development, with particular emphasis on children from deprived backgrounds • Assistance in the arts where the goal is to educate and expose the NZ public on NZ culture	
Mercury www.mercury.co.nz/about-us/careers/employee-community-fund	We have strong connections in our communities, and our people do too. Our team members suggest where we can make a big difference in their communities, through sharing our Employee Community Fund.	
Ministry for Culture and Heritage info@mch.govt.nz https://mch.govt.nz/ https://mch.govt.nz/funding We support the arts and culture sector to flourish and thrive through a variety of funds and grants.	Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund The Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund will distribute up to \$300,000 to support events that: • commemorate the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi (the Treaty) • increase awareness and knowledge of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty • encourage a wider mix of communities to take part in Waitangi Day events. We are especially keen to support events organised by local government and/or communities in partnership with tangata whenua that invite wide community participation. https://mch.govt.nz/funding-nz-culture/ministry-grants-awards/commemorating-waitangi-day-fund	CLOSES: Applications for the 2026 Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund closed on 20 October 2025. Grants: \$1000 - \$5000

	New Zealand History Grants Whiria Te Mahara New Zealand History Grants are funded by the New Zealand History Research Trust Fund. The grants support historians, researchers and writers who are working on non-fiction projects that will significantly enhance our understanding of New Zealand's past. https://mch.govt.nz/funding-nz-culture/ministry-grants-awards/new-zealand-history-research-trust	
	New Zealand Oral History Awards We administer Ngā Kōrero Tuku Iho, Piki Ake! Kake Ake! New Zealand Oral History grants (the grants), which support community-led oral history projects that reflect diverse identities and perspectives. https://www.mch.govt.nz/our-work/apply-funding/nga-korero-tuku-iho-new-zealand-oral-history-grants	The 2026 round will open on 2 June and close on 31 July 2026. The grants will now be offered every two years, so the next round after this one will be 2028.
Ministry of Youth Development www.myd.govt.nz/funding/current-funding	Youth Development Partnership and Innovation Fund Funding via expressions of interest (EOI) from potential funding partners. An EOI and associated Frequently Asked Questions regarding the YDPIF will be available on the Government Electronic Tenders Service external website from Tuesday 12 August 2025, and will remain active throughout the 2025/2026 Financial Year. www.myd.govt.nz/funding/current-funding/ydpif	
	Youth Development Contributory Fund (2025 – 2028) Decisions have been made regarding recipients of funding through MYD's Youth Development Contributory Fund. www.myd.govt.nz/funding/current-funding/youth-development-contributory-fund	
	Place-Based Youth Development Fund (2025 – 2028) Decisions have been made regarding recipients of funding through MYD's Place-Based Youth Development Fund www.myd.govt.nz/funding/current-funding/place-based-youth-development-fund	

	Expanding Youth Enterprise and Education Funding Outcomes (2025-2027) Decisions have been made regarding recipients of funding through the three funds within MYD's Expanding Youth Enterprise and Education funding stream. For the Introduction to Enterprise Fund and the Building Entrepreneurial Capital Fund, the initial term of this funding is for the period Tuesday 01 July 2025 to Wednesday 30 June 2027. For the Developing Youth Led Businesses Fund, the initial term of this funding is for the period Tuesday 01 July 2025 to Tuesday 30 June 2026 www.myd.govt.nz/funding/current-funding/youth-enterprise-funds	
Ministry for Pacific Peoples www.mpp.govt.nz/funding	Our programmes aim to create thriving, resilient and prosperous Pacific communities in Aotearoa. We have a range of funding available for Pacific communities, youth and established providers.	Keep returning to the website for correct funding dates
New Zealand Music Foundation Auckland www.musichelps.org.nz/grants	MusicHelps' Grants are the way we partner with people and projects that use the power of music to change the lives of people in need in Aotearoa.	Expressions of Interest are accepted all year. These go through an initial screening usually within 4 weeks of receipt. We will advise applicants promptly as to whether the project or programme outlined in the EOI is eligible to progress to the next step or not.
Perpetual Guardian www.perpetualguardian.co.nz/philanthropy/grant-seekers	Perpetual Guardian manages the largest number of registered Charitable Trusts in New Zealand. They administer over 550 Charitable Trusts on behalf of the generous legacies of their clients. In 2016, this translated to approximately \$30 million invested in the community through grants and scholarships. <i>To apply for funding from Trusts open for applications, visit Grants Open & Upcoming.</i>	Keep reviewing their website for open grants that might be applicable.
Pelorus Trust www.pelorusrust.net.nz	Pelorus Trust has been established to promote and develop amateur sport in New Zealand. Additionally, as a secondary objective, the Trust may assist and support charitable purposes.	

Rabobank www.rabobank.co.nz	Rabo Community Fund The Rabo Community Fund, fully funded by Rabobank New Zealand, supports initiatives that help rural communities thrive and grow. Funding available for the following initiatives: • Long-term industry capacity and agricultural education • Environmental sustainability • Rural/urban connection • Rural wellbeing • Adaptation/Disruption • Natural Disaster Resilience www.rabobank.co.nz/rabo-community-fund	Applications for the 2026 Rabo Community Fund have now opened. If you have a rural initiative that helps grow thriving rural communities and needs a helping hand, let us know how we can help! CLOSE: 3 August. For any enquiries, please contact rabocommunity@rabobank.com.
	Rabo Community Good Deeds The Rabobank Good Deeds competition was set up in 2017 to provide funding and labour support to rural community projects across New Zealand. Each year, one winning project is awarded \$5,000 plus a day's labour to help get the job done. www.rabobank.co.nz/community/good-deeds	
Royal Society of New Zealand www.royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/funds-and-opportunities	Variety of funds and opportunities, check the website regularly for current details. Tailored towards science, research and study.	
Rural Communities Trust https://ruralcommunitiestrust.org.nz/	The Rural Communities Trust was established to provide financial assistance to groups, families and individuals in small rural areas who due to their location may otherwise be disadvantaged. To be eligible to receive a grant, an individual, family or community group must be from a small rural area. The Rural Communities Trust defines rural as a town with a population of less than 2,000 or	Closing Dates: 31 March and 30 September

	slightly larger if there is no industry, or a rural district. As a general rule, the Trust does not fund travel (national or international), wages and salaries, vehicle purchases, set-up costs or general expenses.	
Sentinel Homes – The Sentinel Foundation www.sentinelhomes.co.nz/foundation	At Sentinel Homes, our mission extends far beyond building exceptional homes. The Sentinel Homes Foundation embodies our core value: improving lives and fostering positive change within our communities.	We currently have a full roster of charities that we support and are not taking any further applications for the Sentinel Foundation.
Simplicity https://simplicity.kiwi/about-us/our-foundation	We support charities across Aotearoa, with a focus on communities with the greatest need. Our funding is centred around three key areas - forests, futures and food. Because we want to support: • Thriving Te Taio / Environment • Thriving Rangatahi / Young People • Thriving Hapori / Communities	Our funding is primarily committed to a small number of long-term charity partners aligned to our three focus areas. We do make a limited number of additional smaller grants each year, typically for organisations or initiatives that are: • Closely aligned to our focus areas • Able to demonstrate clear, measurable impact • Working at a scale or model that could grow over time If this sounds like your work, you're welcome to send a short summary to foundation@simplicity.kiwi outlining what you do, who you support, and the outcomes you're achieving.
Sport New Zealand https://sportnz.org.nz/	• More young people engaging in more sport and recreation • More adults engaging in more sport and recreation and • More winners on the world stage.	

Te Puni Kōkiri www.tpk.govt.nz/en/nga-putea-me-nga-ratonga	We are the principal advisor on Government-Māori relationships. We monitor policy and legislation, and we provide government with high quality policy advice.	
Te Rau Ora https://terauora.com/funding/	Te Rau Ora Scholarships & Bursaries provide financial assistance to students who are undertaking or completing a New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) accredited qualification in health and wellbeing.	Various funding opportunities, please check website regularly.
Te Rourou (One Aotearoa Foundation) Auckland https://terourou.one.nz	Vision of an Aotearoa New Zealand where all young people have access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.	For information about our current funding opportunities please visit our social media pages.
The Morgan Foundation https://morganfoundation.org.nz/funding-applications-and-donations/	The objective of the trustees is to use the funds for philanthropic endeavour with the priorities being: • to reduce income and wealth inequities by assisting those at most disadvantage • to provide a humanitarian response to those in need • to HAVE FUN participating in the above	Applications can be made by contacting: Morgan Foundation PO Box 10068 Wellington 6143 email: charity@garethmorgan.com
Tindall Foundation https://tindall.org.nz/donations-and-eligibility	At The Tindall Foundation, we back initiatives that help to build Intergenerational Wellbeing for Aotearoa.	
Todd Foundation Wellington www.toddfoundation.org.nz	We want to support real change in communities, reduce time spent on funding proposals and reporting, and promote collaboration rather than competition. For these reasons we don't run grant rounds or accept pitches from individuals or organisations.	
Variety www.variety.org.nz/get-support/find-Support	Do you need help paying for essential items for your child or children? Variety can help you cover the cost of the things your child needs to stay healthy, to go to school and to take part in their community.	• Kiwi Kid Sponsorship • Individual Grants

Workforce Futures Fund https://workforcefuturesfund.nz/	The Workforce Futures Fund, Tahua Rāngaimahi Anamata, supports eight industries that offer critical services in our communities. The eligible workforces are: Aged support; Cleaning; Disability support; Home and community health services; Mental health and addiction support; Social services; Urban pest management; and Youth work.	We are running our fourth round opening in August 2026. This is likely to be the Fund's final formal funding round, with approximately \$4 million available, and will prioritise applications led by our equity groups in line with our funding strategy.
TRUSTS		
Fletcher Trust Auckland www.fletchertrust.co.nz	The Trust's objective with its philanthropic giving is to facilitate the improvement in educational quality and support initiatives to reduce inequality throughout the Aotearoa New Zealand school system.	<i>The Trust is currently unable to consider or accept unrequested enquiries or proposals for funding but instead proactively seeks out organisations with which to partner and support.</i>
John Ilott Charitable Trust Wellington www.johnilottcharitabletrust.co.nz	To be considered for a grant, projects must fit within the Trust's charitable purposes and support, through grant allocations, community projects that enhance: • literacy for children and adults; • life outcomes for babies and pre-school children; • life outcomes for people with disabilities; • parenting skills and sex education; • life outcomes for women in need, including those re-entering the workforce; • the promotion of research into the arts, science or community sector; • newly-formed groups and organisations, by providing a little "seed money" to those that can show that they are likely to succeed; and • such other related purposes that are charitable according to the law of New Zealand as the Trustees in their discretion think fit.	We welcome all applicants who would like to apply for our grant funding. We would like to see you successful and would advise you to read information carefully. Please note, we accept applications only from the Registered Charities. OPENS 1-31 October each year. <i>Applications will not be processed outside of this period.</i>

J R McKenzie Trust (Wellington) www.jrmckenzie.org.nz www.jrmckenzie.org.nz/funding www.jrmckenzie.org.nz/what	Who do we fund? We provide funding for mahi that has a focus on one or more of the following communities. • Māori Te Pou Māori • Pacific Peoples Poutū Pasefika • Communities that experience exclusion Pou Care	We are a relational funder (non-contestable). Our funding is allocated via partnerships and collaboration with community organisations. We may also fund organisations that have been referred to us by other funders.
Maurice & Phyllis Paykel Charitable Trust (Auckland) www.paykeltrust.co.nz	Health related sciences and projects. • Project & equipment grants • Travel grants • Conference support grants • Scholarships & fellowships	Refer to website for current dates.
Sutherland Self Help Trust (Wellington) http://sutherlandsselfhelptrust.org.nz/	We support communities by providing grants to New Zealand charities in line with our annual funding objective. Our funding initiative this year is for projects that provide an investment into the future of the community through a focus on education and health for children under 12.	
Public Trust www.publictrust.co.nz/grants	Find a Grant or Scholarship.	Various times and funds available – check on the website regularly through the year.
Public Trust: Roy Owen Dixey Charitable Trust www.publictrust.co.nz/grants/how-do-i-find-one/grants/roy-owen-dixey-charitable-trust	The application must demonstrate how they align with the general charitable purposes which are: a) The advancement of education b) The advancement of religion c) The relief of poverty, sickness or disability d) Any other purpose that benefits the community	OPENS: The trust aims to hold a grant round annually in February, with applicants will be advised of the outcome by 30 April. Please note this date is subject to change in which case applicants will be notified prior.

Te Rau Puāwai Education Trust Auckland www.terapuawaieducationtrust.co.nz/granting/	Three strategic priorities are: 1. Building learning capabilities from birth, because of the compelling evidence of the importance of early years, the influence of parents, caregivers, family and whanau as first teachers, and our growing understanding that early emotional connectedness and language confidence are critical to engagement in learning. 2. School and community initiatives that disrupt the ongoing impacts of poverty on children and young people's learning. 3. Addressing inequalities, in particular to enhance learning outcomes for Māori, Pasifika, neurodiverse and learning support students.	Application Dates in 2026 for 2027 Funding: • Tuesday 2 June 2026: Applications Open • Friday 24 July 2026: Applications Close • Early November 2026: Applicants Notified of Granting Decisions • Late 2026: Funds Distributed To apply please complete the Application Form in Word and email to: exec@terapuawaieducationtrust.co.nz by 5pm (TBC) by 5pm, Fri 24 July 2026.
Wayne Francis Trust www.wfct.org.nz	We work to create equitable opportunities for Ōtautahi's young people, their whānau, their communities. We work proactively, growing relationships and contributing resources to support systemic-change.	Non-contestable fund. This means we don't take applications, instead we work proactively, within existing and new relationships in Ōtautahi.

Hurunui Based Funders

Hurunui Council Funds/Grants

Hurunui District Council has a small variety of funds available. Aside from the Hurunui Reserves Contestable Fund they are all external funders that are managed by council staff. www.hurunui.govt.nz/community/awards-and-funding	• Hurunui Reserves Contestable Fund • Hurunui Heritage Fund • MainPower Hurunui Natural Environmental Fund • Secondary School Achievers Fund • Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund	Each open at different times of the year. Continue to visit web link listed and then the individual grants to find out more information.
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Hurunui District Local Funders		
There are a range of possible local funders that are worth contacting.	• Local Lions • Amberley District Residents Association • Local business sponsorship	
Amuri Irrigation Company www.amuriirrigation.nz/community	The Community Fund is intended to foster the development of sporting, recreational or social activities of groups or individuals living within the Amuri Basin (Culverden, Rotherham or Waiau).	Grants of up to \$1000 are available in two funding rounds which close in February and August of each year (although under special circumstances we can consider applications outside of the designated funding rounds).
Foodstuffs (South Island) Community Trust www.foodstuffs-si.co.nz/foodstuffs-community-trust	The Community Trust focuses on funding: • Projects that will have a meaningful community benefit, particularly those that will increase community access to food or reduce hardship for groups and individuals in a community • Staff who are experiencing food and/ or housing insecurity due to unforeseen events, and as a result need support with funding medical and/or living costs. • Educational costs for staff who are experiencing financial hardship, particularly around meeting critical living costs. • Emergency relief for community organisations during natural disasters and/ or crisis events.	All grant applications submitted require the full support of a sponsor – this is often the owner of your local Foodstuffs supermarket. Please make sure you submit your application two weeks ahead of the next meeting. Remaining meeting dates are: • Tuesday 25 August 2026 • Tuesday 24 November 2026
Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa https://hanmersprings.co.nz/about-us/sponsorshipandpartners/	Check out their <i>sponsorship requests</i> page for further details.	

Hawarden-Waikari Lions Club https://hawarden-waikari-lions.org.nz/funding-request	For individuals or groups who require funding assistance to complete a project, or provide support for their ongoing development or humanitarian endeavours. admin@hawarden-waikari-lions.org.nz	No known closing date.
Kate Valley Trust https://transwastecanterbury.co.nz/about-us/community/	The Kate Valley Landfill Community Trust funds charitable and community activities in the local community. Transwaste makes yearly contributions to the Trust based on the annual volume of waste. Since 2005 the Trust has given over \$1.5 million to groups and projects in the Amberley – Waipara area.	
Patoa Farms https://patoafarms.co.nz/sponsorship/ VA@patoafarms.co.nz	The applicant should: • Contribute to the development or enhancement of the Hurunui areas or groups or individuals within the Hurunui-Waiau catchments. • Demonstrate how the sponsorship will be effectively implemented and managed. • We also specialise in supplying top-quality New Zealand pork to clubs, schools, and community groups for fundraising BBQs. Our fresh, flavour-packed products help make your event a success – and keep your supporters coming back for seconds.	Applications are open each year from: • 1 to 28 February • 1 to 30 September
• DIA - Gaming Trusts List Funding For Community Groups - dia.govt.nz • Rātā Foundation Find Other Funders - Rātā Foundation (ratafoundation.org.nz)		