



**I give notice that
Notice of Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee
meeting will be held on:**

Date:	Wednesday, 23 April 2025
Time:	9.30am
Location:	Te Mataapuna Tūrangitukua Park Hirangi Road Tūrangi

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Mr Te Takinga New

Members Mr Christian Asher
Cr Karam Fletcher
Cr Sandra Greenslade
Mayor David Trewavas

Quorum 3

**Julie Gardyne
Chief Executive**

Order Of Business

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4.1 TŪRANGI TONGARIRO COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MEETING - 18 OCTOBER 2023

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

Authorised by: Nigel McAdie, Legal and Governance Manager

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 October 2023 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee Meeting Minutes - 18 October 2023

5.1 APRIL 2025 - TŪRANGI AND TONGARIRO COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

Author: Ellie Godwin, Funding and Partnerships Advisor

Authorised by: Hadley Tattle, General Manager People and Community Partnerships

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To consider applications and allocate funding from the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Fund for the 2024 – 2025 financial year.

WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Tūrangi-Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee has \$50,000 excluding GST available to allocate as part of this funding round.

Funding may be allocated to individuals, community groups and organisations who meet an eligibility criteria, demonstrate alignment to an assessment framework and outline how their community projects, events or initiatives positively service our communities.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee:

1. Approves in full, in part, or declines the attached applications for the 2024 – 2025 financial year; and
2. Decides whether the Tūrangi Aeroclub paper application is to be considered in this funding round; and
3. Provides rationale for declined decisions.

TE WHAKAMAHUKI | BACKGROUND

This item is presented to the Tūrangi-Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee. This committee is responsible for allocating the fund to communities in the Tūrangi and Tongariro Wards.

Applications must align to the Community Funding Policy (2024) (“the policy”) and the Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework (2024) (“the eligibility and assessment framework”). These documents were adopted by Council on 1 August 2024. The next review date for the policy and the framework is scheduled for 2030, or unless otherwise agreed to by Council.

The committee has \$50,000 excluding GST available to allocate to individuals, community groups and organisations who meet the eligibility criteria and assessment framework, and outline how their community projects, events or initiatives service Tūrangi and Tongariro communities.

All applications have been assessed by council officers against the eligibility and assessment framework, and a summary document including officer recommendations has been provided to support the decision-making process. The assessment summary is provided as attachment 2.

Please also refer to attachment 1 for a guide to support committee members when making decisions on the allocation of community funds.

NGĀ TONO | APPLICATIONS

31 applications requesting a total of \$119,369 were received from 3 March – 31 March 2025, 4.30pm.

The applications were shared securely with the committee from 7 April 2025 to support decision-making.

Please note, the Tūrangi Aeroclub submitted an application via email, not through Council’s online portal. Typically, all funding requests are to be received online. The applicant did not action officers’ advice to enter the request into the online portal in time for the grant closing time. As a result, the applicant has been advised that the application will be presented to the committee for a collective decision on whether the application will be considered as part of this funding round. The applicant has been advised this is a one – off arrangement and will not be provided if any future applications are to be submitted.

Applications were also assessed by officers against the eligibility and assessment framework. An assessment summary was circulated previously, and has been provided as attachment 2.

	Applicant	Purpose of request	Amount Requested
1	Central Plateau REAP Charitable Trust	To support with the lease costs for the Baden Powell Hall to deliver services in Tūrangi.	\$5,000.00
2	Tūrangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated	To support the search and rescue team dog.	\$1,986.08
3	Tūrangi Community Events (Rotary Club of Tūrangi)	To purchase shipping containers for storage and event supplies.	\$5,000.00
4	Hate Hone St John	To teach school leavers first aid training.	\$2,245.00
5	Tokaanu Tūrangi RSA	To purchase chairs and kitchen equipment for the club	\$5,000.00
6	Lake Taupō Hospice	To support costs for room hire for our Tūrangi based bereavement services monthly group sessions.	\$966.00
7	Tūrangi Tokaanu Sports and Cultural Club (AKA Tūrangi Dambusters Junior Rugby League)	To support operational costs for Tūrangi Tokaanu Sports and Cultural Club.	\$5,000.00
8	Tūrangi Mountain Region Trust	To support costs for a lawn mowing service by purchasing lawnmowers and line trimmers.	\$2,293.00
9	Safe Tūrangi	To support costs for building and installing a Community Notice Board.	\$5,000.00
10	Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust	To support essential maintenance work at the Omori Kuratau Community Centre.	\$5,000.00
11	Tūrangi Foodbank Inc	To support operational costs for the Tūrangi Foodbank.	\$5,000.00
12	Tūrangi Foodbank Inc (2nd application)	To support operational costs.	\$5,000.00
13	SeniorNet Tūrangi Inc	To support costs for two Tūrangi SeniorNet members to travel to Christchurch to attend the Federation of SeniorNet New Zealand's annual symposium.	\$2,832.00
14	Tūrangi Blue Light	To support costs for trips and activities that the tamariki of Tūrangi can experience.	\$5,000.00
15	Tūrangi Neighbourhood Support	To support coordinator costs.	\$5,000.00
16	Tūrangi Community Patrol	To support costs of a part time coordinator.	\$5,000.00
17	Oranga Kawakawa	To support costs for uniform, signage, and rent.	\$5,000.00
18	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To support operational costs (wages) of the Healthy Harold programme delivery into Tūrangi schools.	\$4,000.00
19	Omori Kuratau Pest Management Group Charitable trust	To support costs for pest management.	\$5,000.00
20	Tongariro National Trout Centre	To support costs of electrical upgrades for the community hub.	\$2,235.09
21	David Timu	To support costs of hosting a one day wānanga at our marae and revive the significance of this taonga and guide other growers to cultivate the process of how to nurture and grow a successful crop.	\$900.00
22	Southern Lakes Probus Club - Tūrangi	To support a series of group trips aimed at fostering social interaction amongst retirees in the Tūrangi Tongariro Ward.	\$5,000.00

	Applicant	Purpose of request	Amount Requested
23	Turangi Tongariro Sports Foundation Inc	To support operational costs for the Sports Foundation.	\$5,000.00
24	Tongariro United Women's Rugby Team	To support operational costs.	\$2,818.00
25	Tongariro Junior Rugby	To support equipment and services for the upcoming season.	\$3500.00
26	Tūrangi Social Connection	To support the elderly and lonely people out of there house once a week for company and friendship.	\$1,560.00
27	The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi, Incorporated	To support operational costs for the Animal Care Tūrangi Centre.	\$5,000.00
28	Tongariro School	To support costs of continuing an existing Mural project at the school.	\$5,000.00
29	Tongariro School (2nd application)	To support the development of educational programs, resources, and facilities at Tongariro School.	\$5,000.00
30	Tūrangi Aero Club	To support maintenance of the Aero Club buildings and equipment.	\$5,000.00
31	Birthing Goddess	To support the holistic care throughout pregnancy and childbirth.	\$5,000.00

NGĀ HĪRAUNGA | CONSIDERATIONS

Ngā Aronga Pūtea | Financial Considerations

The Tūrangi and Tongariro fund is \$50,000.00 per annum excluding GST. The fund has two funding rounds per financial year, however in the 2024 – 2025 financial year there is only one funding round due to the delayed adoption of the Long-term Plan 2024–2034.

The expenditure is currently budgeted for under the Long-term Plan 2024–2034. If there are any funds remaining following the distribution meeting, these may be carried over for allocation in the 2025 – 2026 financial year.

Please note, as outlined in the policy, a maximum of \$5,000 excluding GST may be allocated per application.

Ngā Aronga Ture | Legal Considerations

Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of [Section 10](#) of the Local Government Act 2002. That section of the Act states that the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. It is considered that social, economic, environmental and cultural well – being are of relevance to this particular matter.

Authorisations are not required from external parties.

Ngā Hīraunga Kaupapa Here | Policy Implications

The requests have been evaluated against the Long-term Plan, Annual Plan, the policy, and the eligibility and assessment framework.

Te Kōrero tahi ki te Māori | Māori Engagement

Taupō District Council is committed to meeting its statutory Tiriti O Waitangi obligations and acknowledges partnership as the basis of Te Tiriti. Council has a responsibility to act reasonably and in good faith to reflect

the partnership relationship, and to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti. These principles include but are not limited to the protection of Māori rights, enabling Māori participation in Council processes and having rangatiratanga over tāonga.

Our statutory obligations outline our duties to engage with Māori and enable participation in Council processes. Alongside this, we recognise the need to work side by side with iwi, and hapū of our district.

There are no specific issues related to iwi / hapū / Māori in this decision.

Ngā Tūraru | Risks

There may be concerns that ratepayer money will not be used correctly by these organisations. This is mitigated by the criteria, requiring all applicants to provide evidence (e.g. invoices and quotes) of what funding is to be spent on, funding purpose clauses entered into contracts, as well as recipients to report and provide evidence to Council annually to account for spending.

This fund is oversubscribed, which is not unexpected with many grant funders also experiencing similar demands. This will mean some groups will miss out on funding. We have made steps to mitigate the impact of this by working with previous recipients to develop diversified funding plans and by providing a range of resources and support opportunities for organisations to develop their funding approach.

With recent changes made to Council's community funding programme, it is possible that some organisations were unsure or did not fully understand the changes. This may mean that applicants may feel dissatisfied with decisions made. We aim to mitigate this by providing rationale back to applicants on the outcome of their application.

TE HIRANGA O TE WHAKATAU, TE TONO RĀNEI | SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL
Council's Significance and Engagement Policy identifies matters to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions.

Officers have undertaken an assessment of the matters in the [Significance and Engagement Policy \(2022\)](#), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of a low degree of significance.

TE KŌRERO TAHI | ENGAGEMENT

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO PĀPAHO | COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

Direct communication has been/will be carried out with affected parties/key stakeholders and wider communication will be carried out with the community.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications by email and high-level details of decisions made will be posted on Council's website (purpose and amount). Following completion of the project, officers may choose to highlight the work of an organisation or individual through a good news story as part of our work to highlight positive impact.

Please note: applicants' financial statements and other potentially sensitive information will not be released publicly.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

The Tūrangi-Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee is required to allocate the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Fund for the 2024 – 2025 financial year, in line with the policy and the eligibility and assessment framework.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Decision Makers Toolkit
2. April 2025 - Tūrangi Tongariro Community Fund - Application and Assessment Summary