

# **ATTACHMENTS**

**Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant  
Distribution Committee meeting**

**23 April 2025**

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**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI TONGARIRO COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE TŪRANGI CUSTOMER AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE, 1 NGAWAKA PLACE,  
TŪRANGI  
ON WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2023 AT 9.35AM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Te Takinga New (in the Chair from item 5.2 onwards), Mr Christian Asher, Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Mayor David Trewavas (until 11.22am)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), Community Engagement and Development Manager (H Tattle), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), Funding and Partnerships Advisor (E Godwin), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Committee Advisor (D Periam), Customer Support Officer – Tūrangi (A Kereopa)

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** 12 members of the public in person, one member of the public via MS Teams

Notes: (i) *The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor opened the meeting.*  
(ii) *Cr Sandra Greenslade led everyone in an opening and closing karakia.*  
(iii) *Mayor David Trewavas left the meeting at 11.22am. He was not present for resolution TTCG202310/03.*  
(iv) *The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor reminded members to declare any interests ahead of items being considered on the agenda.*

**1 KARAKIA**

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Karam Fletcher declared that he was a trustee for the Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub. He did not participate in the deliberation of funding for this application.

Mr Christian Asher declared that he was associated with Tūrangi Blue Light. He did not participate in the deliberation of funding for this application.

**4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Nil

**5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS**

**5.1 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

**TTCG202310/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Mr Christian Asher

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee confirms that System A will be used to determine the election process for the Chairperson.

**CARRIED**

**TTCG202310/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Mr Christian Asher

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee elects Mr Te Takinga New as the Chairperson of the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolutions TTCG202310/01-02 above.*

*Mr Te Takinga New chaired the meeting from this point.*

**5.2 TŪRANGI TONGARIRO COMMUNITY GRANT 2023/24**

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor introduced herself and her team, the Funding and Partnerships Advisor and Customer Support Officer – Tūrangi. She advised that those present to speak to their applications would do this first, then the Committee could deliberate and allocate the funding. Chair Te Takinga New thanked the community for applying for funding, and for all their mahi.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of applications for funding and answered members' questions:

**#3 Tūrangi Social Connection – Mr Graeme Launder**

Mr Launder explained that a gathering including lunch was provided at the Returned Services' Association (RSA) every Friday. Once or twice a year a bigger outing was planned so the funding sought would go towards the venue hire (RSA), transport costs, and subsidising entry fees for the outing. In answer to questions, Mr Launder confirmed that the RSA rent charges were subsidised and that while a van was provided for the weekly lunch, a van was required for any outings outside of Tūrangi.

**#10 Tūrangi Foodbank Incorporated – Ms Maggie Stewart and Ms Brenda Sherson**

Ms Stewart explained that the funding requested was less than the previous year because the foodbank had received a loan of an electric vehicle from the Lines Company which helped with delivery costs. She advised that the foodbank worked with many charities, organisations and social sector departments and tried to work with clients in a holistic way to help them find a path where they no longer required assistance. Not all clients were beneficiaries, they ranged from single workers to low income families with kids, and pensioners who still paid rent or a mortgage. The foodbank worked with the Tūrangi Budget House and Te Korowai Roopu Tautoko.

In answer to questions from members, Ms Stewart confirmed the following:

- Some clients that had moved from benefits into paid work still required help, if a bit less. Every client was different and the foodbank worked differently with each one to best meet their needs.
- Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of referrals from the health agencies was still quite high. Some funding was received from central government during the pandemic but this had ceased.
- Nothing was wasted. If they received too much of something they worked with other organisations to ensure that there was no waste. Locals brought in paper bags, and milk bottles for dishwashing liquid.
- Attempts to create gardens had not worked because clients may not have had the correct equipment.
- The Tūrangi Community Foodbank Drive would be held on 16 November 2023 and the foodbank was still seeking vehicles and runners.

**#5 Tūrangi Community Patrol – Ms Stella Gordon**

Ms Gordon advised that the community patrol lent volunteers for community events and that the volunteers were first aid certified. An AED unit was located in each vehicle and all volunteers were also trained in the use of this. Community patrol worked closely with Tūrangi Police and with the help of funding, identified issues with safety. One of these was a lack of car seats so a proposal was put together seeking funding and installers and had been successful. The community patrol kept the community safe and was very concerned

about other issues. Volunteers managed to get around the entire area, and people approached them asking for help.

**#2 Tūrangi Mountain Region Trust trading as River of Life Church, Tūrangi – Mr Hira Haenga**

Mr Haenga confirmed that the volunteers mowed approximately 24 lawns every two weeks.

**#8 Tūrangi Neighbourhood Support – Ms Kathy Smallman**

Tūrangi Neighbourhood Support worked closely with Tūrangi Police, Safe Tūrangi and Tūrangi Community Patrol.

**#21 Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust – Ms Raewyn Beattie**

Ms Beattie showed videos of the fun run and ANZAC Day service in support of the application.

**#11 The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi Inc. – Ms Stacy Lewis and Mrs Christine Dally**

In answer to questions, Ms Lewis and Mrs Dally confirmed the following:

- Sponsorship for dog and catfood was being sought.
- Animal Care had not been part of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) since 2017 when the charity became a national body. Animal Care had always been self-funded.

**#13 Tūrangi Coastguard Incorporated – Ms Raewyn Nicholas**

In answer to a question from a member, Ms Nicholas confirmed that they would look to publish 100 books.

**#15 Tūrangi Wanderers Football Club – Ms Pauline Jenkins**

Ms Jenkins clarified the following:

- She had met with Sport Waikato to request funding and would also apply for a sports grant.
- The goals required were too big and cumbersome to dismantle and store.
- Different goal sizes were required for different grades, including the penalty area sizes. They wanted to be able to host home games for differing grades.
- The previous football club had stopped operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**#16 Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Incorporated – Mr Kevin O'Hara**

Council had given consent for location and security at its assets such as the toilet wall. It was important to have AED units available, especially because the community was isolated if there were slips blocking the road to Tūrangi.

**#20 Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub – Mrs Cornelia Dempsey**

Mrs Dempsey showed a video produced by the rangatahi leaders to support the application. Holiday programmes were designed and delivered by the rangatahi leaders.

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor reminded the members that 21 applications had been received in total for a maximum fund of \$65,000. Previous accountability reports detailing how money had been spent and with receipts had all been received.

She drew attention to three applications in particular.

**#17 Tūrangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated**

Funding was provided the previous year. Land Search and Rescue (LandSAR) covered most of the costs such as petrol, gear and food. All training was also covered by LandSAR. The applicant's dog Echo lost its operational status between May and October, and had only recently been recognised after the application had been received.

**#4 Life Education Trust Central Plateau and #6 Taupō Budget Advisory Services**

These organisations also applied for the social services grant and received funding for operational costs which they had applied for through this grant. Both were provided funding from the social services grant.

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor advised that all of the grants had been oversubscribed and explained that she and her team were supporting the capability of funding organisations. Council subscribed to Generosity NZ on behalf of the community which also assisted. For those applications that could not be

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funded, her team would help them find alternatives. In answer to a question, she confirmed that all previous applicants of this grant would have been notified of the grant and that in future she would also share details with the committee members to pass to their contacts in the community.

*Mayor David Trewavas left the meeting at this point. (11.22am).*

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor advised that the budgets were set through the Long-term Plan (LTP) process and that Tūrangi Tongariro was the largest grant. It would be formalised again the following year when the LTP 2024-34 was adopted.

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Funds requested for...</b>	<b>Deliberation</b>
1	Asthma New Zealand Inc. Rotorua Lakes Region	To support expenses for a mobile asthma nurse.	Members prioritised other funds because this grant was oversubscribed and there were other services available.
2	Tūrangi Mountain Region Trust trading as River of Life Church, Tūrangi	To replace lawn mowers, a weed eater and blower that are at the end of life. To purchase a chainsaw.	Members supported a portion of this fund and thanked this group for caring for the community.
3	Tūrangi Social Connection	To run the Tūrangi Social Connect programme.	Members supported a portion of this fund.
4	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To support the delivery of Life Education Programme in Tūrangi Schools.	Members did not approve any funds because Life Education Trust Central Plateau had received grants from other sources.
5	Tūrangi Community Patrol	Operational costs for Tūrangi Community Patrol.	Members supported a portion of this fund.
6	Taupō Budget Advisory Services	To fund salary contributions for three of our Financial Mentors that are based in our Tūrangi Office.	Members supported the difference requested from what they had received from other grants. This organisation worked well with other organisations.
7	Kuratau School	To fund the transport costs of taking two classes to Wellington for a week in November.	Members supported a portion of the funds requested.
8	Tūrangi Neighbourhood Support	To support operational expenses employing a co-ordinator and associated costs.	Members supported a portion of the funds requested.
9	Tūrangi Blue Light	To support Taupō Locals fun day. This event is to coincide with Huka Falls Jet boat locals' day.	Members supported a large portion of this application.
10	Tūrangi Foodbank Incorporated	To support costs associated with Tūrangi Foodbank Incorporated.	Members supported half of the funds requested in this application.
11	The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi Inc.	To support operating costs for the Animal Care Tūrangi Hangarito Street Centre.	Members supported a portion of this application.
12	Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust	To support rangatahi from Tūrangi-Tongariro to enhance their lives through outdoor education and contribute positively to their communities.	Members declined this application because it did not specifically show how kids from the Tūrangi Tongariro Ward benefited.
13	Tūrangi Coastguard Incorporated	To assist in printing of a book being produced to celebrate 50 years in operation in Tūrangi.	Members supported a portion of this application.
14	Pukawa Wildlife Management Trust	To support a track upgrade Pukawa to Omori.	Members supported a portion of this application but recognised that it was land owned by the Department of Conservation.

15	Tūrangi Wanderers Football Club	To fund sports equipment for the Football Club.	Members supported a large portion of this application to provide the seed funding needed for setting up the club.
16	Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Incorporated	To facilitate the purchase and deployment of 3 AEDs within the Omori Kuratau Community.	Members supported a portion of this application.
17	Tūrangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated	Funding support for Land Search and Rescue dog.	Members supported this application.
18	Tūrangi-Tokaanu Sports and Cultural Club Inc (Tūrangi Dambusters Rugby League)	To contribute to the Bay of Plenty Affiliation fees as well as funding regular training gear as our club has grown.	Funding could be provided through other grants so members supported a portion of this application.
19	STEM Wana Trust	To support the Summer Space Tour 2024.	Members supported a portion of this application.
20	Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub	To support the delivery of the Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub Leadership development and holiday programmes.	Members supported this application in full.
21	Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust	To support costs for the Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust - Summer Programme.	Members supported this application in full.

**TTCG202310/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

The Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee

- approves in full, in part or declines the following applications for the 2023/24 financial year:
  - Asthma New Zealand Inc. Rotorua Lakes Region – declined
  - Tūrangi Mountain Region Trust trading as River of Life Church, Tūrangi - \$4,000.00
  - Tūrangi Social Connection - \$2,500.00
  - Life Education Trust Central Plateau – declined
  - Tūrangi Community Patrol - \$2,500.00
  - Taupō Budget Advisory Services – \$1,000.00
  - Kuratau School - \$3,000.00
  - Tūrangi Neighbourhood Support – \$2,000.00
  - Tūrangi Blue Light – \$3,000.00
  - Tūrangi Foodbank Incorporated – \$6,000.00
  - The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi Inc.- \$5,000.00
  - Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust – declined
  - Tūrangi Coastguard Incorporated – \$500.00
  - Pukawa Wildlife Management Trust – \$1,700.00
  - Tūrangi Wanderers Football Club – \$4,500.00
  - Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Incorporated – \$4,000.00
  - Tūrangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated – \$1,800.00
  - Tūrangi-Tokaanu Sports and Cultural Club Inc (Tūrangi Dambusters Rugby League) – \$3,000.00
  - STEM Wana Trust - \$4,000.00
  - Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub - \$15,000.00
  - Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust - \$1,500.00

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2. provides rationale for in part or declined decisions.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202310/04 above.*

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The meeting closed at 12.11pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting held on 23 April 2025.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**





## **One – Off Community Funds Decision Makers Toolkit**

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## Welcome

Thank you for your continued support and distribution of community funds. We appreciate the time and expertise it takes to consider funding applications.

The purpose of this document is to support you and your fellow committee members to make decisions when allocating Taupō District Council's (TDC) one – off community funds.

This document will be provided to decision-making committees to outline what funds are available and the process taken to distribute funding.

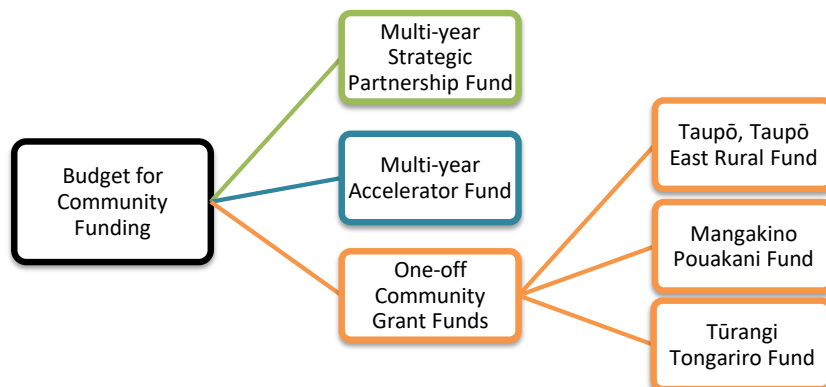
## Background

Council decides to allocate a budget to its community funding programme every three years, as part of its long – term planning process.

During this process, Council also adopts a funding policy and eligibility assessment framework to guide what types of contestable funds are available for communities, their purpose, and how applications will be considered, assessed, and prioritised. These documents are reviewed every six years, or as otherwise decided by Elected Members.

The Community Funding Policy (2024) and Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework (2024) were last adopted on 1 August 2024. Both documents are available to view at [Taupō.govt.nz/grants](https://taupo.govt.nz/grants).

## What types of funds are available?



## 1. Strategic Partnership Fund

The strategic partnership fund is a multi-year contestable fund that can be accessed by community groups or organisations who will support Council to achieve key strategic outcomes and/or provide advice on business – as – usual activities, programmes, and projects.

In the current funding round, Council sought interest from groups who would support in the below areas:

Council Priority	Outcomes sought through the fund
Sport, recreation, and reserves planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plan for the future of our district's sport and recreational facilities, reserves, and parks.</li> <li>- Support recreation and sports organisations to collaborate and to be sustainable.</li> </ul>
Arts, culture and ngā toi and cultural well – being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plan for the future of our district's cultural art facilities, venues, and opportunities for communities.</li> <li>- Support the development and capability of resilient arts, culture and ngā toi communities across the district.</li> </ul>
Climate risk and environmental well – being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Protect our district's natural ecosystems.</li> <li>- Connect people to and educating them about nature.</li> <li>- Plant trees and undertake native revegetation programmes.</li> </ul>
Community well – being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide social service networking opportunities.</li> <li>- Facilitate opportunities that build capability and capacity for community organisations.</li> <li>- Support social service community organisations to collaborate.</li> </ul>
Sustainable transport choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support Taupō to be the most cycle friendly place in New Zealand.</li> <li>- Educate and encourage people, including rangatahi, to use sustainable transport options.</li> <li>- Maintain cycling tracks across the district to provide economic opportunities for the district.</li> </ul>



\$300,000 per annum excl GST, across five agreements. Elected Members set priorities and decide on Strategic Partnership recipients every three years following the long – term plan process. From July 2024 – June 2027, Council has decided to build strategic partnerships with:

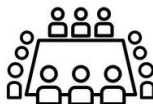
- Sport Waikato (\$50k excl GST per annum)
- Creative Taupō (\$50k excl GST per annum)
- Greening Taupō (\$60k excl GST per annum)
- Waioara Community Trust (\$70k excl GST per annum)
- Bike Taupō (\$70k excl GST per annum)

2. Accelerator Fund

The accelerator fund is a multi – year contestable fund that can be accessed by community groups or organisations who would like additional support to grow what they do, achieve their aspirations and build vibrant and thriving communities. The fund provides financial and in-kind support from Council over three years, as part of this recipients are expected to develop long term planning practices, and develop governance and diversified funding approaches for long term sustainability.



\$160,000 per annum excl GST (\$20,000 per annum excl GST per agreement).



Elected Members decide on accelerator fund recipients and amounts following the long – term plan process.



For the July 2024 – June 2027 period, Council is supporting the below organisations:

- Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub
- Safe Tūrangi
- Mangakino Central Charitable Trust
- Volunteer Great Lake Taupō
- Kids Greening Taupō
- Taupō School of Music
- Lake Taupō Sports Advisory Council
- Taupō Sculpture Trust

3. Community Grant Funds

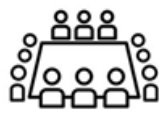
Community grant funds are one-off contestable funds of up to \$5,000 excl GST to support community-led events, projects, and initiatives. Community groups, organisations and even individuals may apply to these funds. There are three funds split across Taupō District Council Wards.



\$150,000 excl GST available for the Taupō and Taupō East Rural Fund annually.

\$40,000 excl GST available for the Mangakino Pouakani Fund annually.

\$50,000 excl GST available for the Tūrangi Tongariro Fund annually.



Taupō and Taupō East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee allocate funds twice per year.

Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group allocate funds twice per year.

Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee allocate funds twice per year.



A maximum of \$5,000 excl GST may be allocated to an applicant each funding round.

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## Funding Priorities

Council's vision is for the Taupō district to be "a district of connected communities who thrive and embrace opportunities" and Elected Members have set five community outcomes to improve the social, economic, cultural, and environmental wellbeing of our communities.

During the application process, we ask applicants to demonstrate how their request aligns to at least one of these outcomes (funding priorities). The assessment summary decision makers receive will outline what funding priority (or priorities) the application aligns to.

COMMUNITY OUTCOME	GUIDANCE
<b>Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected</b>	We want to fund initiatives, projects, or activities that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet the needs and aspirations of hapū and iwi</li> <li>- Promote the cultural heritage of Māori</li> <li>- Celebrate Māori identity</li> <li>- Improve knowledge of tikanga and te reo</li> </ul>
<b>Vibrant places and connected communities</b>	We want to fund initiatives, projects, or activities that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Celebrate our people, history, or culture</li> <li>- Support arts, culture and ngā toi activities</li> <li>- Support sport and recreation activities</li> <li>- Connect people for shared experiences</li> </ul>
<b>Resilient communities working in partnership</b>	We want to fund initiatives, projects, or activities that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve the ability of whanau and communities to meet their needs</li> <li>- Establish safe places that offer support to vulnerable people in our community</li> <li>- Promote collaboration within the community and foster a spirit of working together</li> <li>- Enhance social and economic resiliency in our communities</li> </ul>
<b>Innovative, thriving economy</b>	We want to fund initiatives, projects, or activities that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enhance the image of our district</li> <li>- Support vibrancy and attractiveness of our public places</li> </ul>
<b>Flourishing environment</b>	We want to fund initiatives, projects, or activities that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve the state of our natural environment and conservation efforts</li> <li>- Promote sustainable outcomes</li> <li>- Champion activities that emphasize the principles of reuse, reduction, or recycling of waste</li> </ul>

## Application Process



### 1. Accept Applications

Applications for community funds are accepted at different times:

- Strategic Partnership Fund – every three years, following adoption of Council’s long – term plan.
- Accelerator Fund – every three years, following adoption of Council’s long – term plan.
- Community Grant Funds – twice per year, typically six months apart.

All applications are submitted through the website at [www.Taupō.govt.nz/grants](http://www.Taupō.govt.nz/grants).

The opening and closing dates for each fund are advertised through our website, social media, in TDC newsletters, newspaper and community – led communications. We also encourage committee members to promote funds through their networks.

Please note: In future, Council will have a centralised platform to accept, assess, decide on, and notify applicants about their request. In future, this will be the place decision makers log into to view applications ahead of decision meetings. The funding and partnerships team will provide training on how to use the system when this occurs.

### 2. Assess, prioritise, and recommend applications

Applications are assessed for eligibility and considered by council officers against the policy and eligibility and assessment framework. Recommendations on priority applications will be provided in an assessment summary for decision makers.

An assessment method is used to ensure a transparent and equitable approach to community funding decision making. All applicants have access to the scoring criteria to support them when making an application.

Please note:

- This assessment is based on the eligibility and assessment framework Council adopted in August 2024. Further detail around what assessors consider when assessing applications is included as appendix one.



- If an accountability report for a previous grant has not been submitted by the date of the allocation meeting, the application is not eligible to receive funding. If this applies to any applicants, an update will be provided at the decision meeting.
- If an applicant is already receiving another community fund through Council, this will be noted in the assessor comments.
- All applicants have access to the scoring criteria during the application process to support them in making an application.

### 3. Funds are allocated

Your role as a community funding decision maker...

- Is to work impartially as part of a committee to consider and allocate Council's community funds impartially.
- You will receive a copy of all applications, and an assessment summary to prepare ahead of each decision meeting.
- You will be asked to declare any conflicts of interest at the beginning of every allocation meeting.
- Where it is decided that an application will be declined, we ask decision makers to provide rationale as to why this decision has been made. This allows officers to provide support to declined applicants and where possible ensure they have the opportunity to improve on any future applications they make.

## Who may attend a fund allocation meeting?

- **The public.** Applications are considered in an open forum - we ask committees to welcome those who wish to listen to the meeting. At the time of making an application, applicants may choose whether they would like to be present to answer any questions of clarification during the decision-making process.
- **Elected Members.** Where committees of Council make decisions, those elected members who do not sit on the decision-making committee are able to attend the meeting with non-voting rights.
- **TDC officers.** Will be present at allocation meetings – with non-voting rights. Officers are available for policy or eligibility queries, to provide further context, and to ensure a consistent process is upheld.

If you have questions, please reach out to TDC's Community Funding and Partnerships team by emailing [funding@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:funding@taupo.govt.nz)

## Appendix One – Assessment Framework

The below table outlines the assessment framework officers use when assessing and recommending priority of applications received to the one – off community funds.

Considerations		Scoring Weight (partial scores may be provided)
<b>Project/ activity purpose</b>	Has the applicant clearly defined the purpose and expected community outcomes and benefit the project, activity or service will provide?	1
	Has the applicant clearly outlined the community need that is being met and why this is important?	
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Has the applicant demonstrated how their initiative aligns to council's strategic priorities and goals?	1
	Has the applicant demonstrated that the initiative aligns to Council's community outcomes and strategic priorities?	
<b>Capacity and Experience</b>	Does the applicant have the capability, capacity, and experience to deliver the project, activity, or service to an appropriate standard?	0.5
	Is this evidenced by a relevant track record of successful delivery or a clear plan of how they intend to deliver?	
	Has the applicant identified areas where it would value additional support?	
<b>Evidence Based Budget</b>	Does the applicant present a realistic, evidence-based budget for the project, activity, or service?	0.5
	Does this budget include all elements of the project?	
	Has the applicant identified how the grant will be spent?	
	Has the applicant evidenced other funding streams in their budget if applicable?	
<b>Success Evaluation</b>	Has the applicant identified how the success of the project, activity or service will be evaluated?	0.5
	<i>For example, will any information be collected on the number of people benefiting from the initiative?</i>	
<b>Project Benefit</b>	Has the applicant identified who the project, activity or service will benefit and where in the Taupō district these people reside?	1
<b>Community Support</b>	Has the applicant provided evidence of community support, collaboration or involvement in the project, activity, or service? <i>For example, volunteer hours, or donated goods/services?</i>	0.5
	Has the applicant provided evidence of support from a recognised regional or national body (where relevant)?	

## March/April 2025 - Tūrangi Tongariro Community Fund

**Amount Requested:** \$119,369

**Amount Available:** \$50,000

**Document purpose:** The purpose of this document is to provide decision makers with a summary of how applications have scored against the Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework (2024). This framework outlines that each application will be assessed, and scored from 0 – 5 according to the below elements:

- Clear purpose
- Strategic alignment
- Capacity and experience
- Evidence – based budget
- Success measures
- Project benefit
- Community support

\*The scores are presented on a defined scale; a higher score indicates a stronger alignment with the framework. All scores have been presented within a range. For example, applications that scored between 4 and 5 points are presented as 4 – 5.

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested (excl GST)	Application Score (out of 5)	Assessor comments
REF250314072	Central Plateau REAP Charitable Trust	To support with the lease costs for the Baden Powell Hall to deliver services in Tūrangi.	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership Flourishing environment	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	REAP provide a valuable service to the community of Tūrangi. This funding request is to cover the rent for a well utilised community facility, which will support with the hall's sustainability.
REF250346406	Tūrangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated	To support the search and rescue team dog	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$1,986.08	4 – 5	Echo appears well known in the community so plays a great role in terms of social connections for both visitors and locals.
REF250338951	Tūrangi Community Events (Rotary Club of Tūrangi)	To purchase shipping containers for storage and event supplies	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Arts Culture and Nga Toi	\$5,000	4 – 5	This funding application is for a shipping container for storage purposes and equipment for the community events they run.  It would be good to understand how extra funding will be sourced to make this happen as \$5k won't pay for the container as per the quote.  The containers would be placed on TDC land, by the parks depot. Permission from the TDC parks team has been received via email.
REF250352834	Hate Hone St John	To teach school leavers first aid training	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$2,245	4 – 5	
REF250346923	Tokaanu Tūrangi RSA	To purchase chairs and kitchen equipment for the club	Resilient communities working in partnership Innovative Thriving Economy	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	
REF250314728	Lake Taupō Hospice	To support costs for room hire for our Tūrangi based bereavement services monthly group sessions.	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$966.00	4 – 5	

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REF250356267	Tūrangi Tokaanu Sports and Cultural Club (AKA Tūrangi Dambusters Junior Rugby League)	To support operational costs for Tūrangi Tokaanu Sports and Cultural Club	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Sports	\$5,000	4 – 5	Quotes have been provided for well in excess of the \$5k applied for. Decision makers may wish to stipulate any funds awarded are for equipment to be retained by the club.
REF250307535	Tūrangi Mountain Region Trust	To support costs for a lawn mowing service by purchasing lawnmowers and line trimmers	Resilient communities working in partnership Flourishing environment Innovative Thriving Economy	Environmental	\$2,293.00	4 – 5	Opportunity to develop evaluation methods – perhaps including written testimonials from clients to evidence benefit to the community for future funding applications.
REF250323033	Safe Tūrangi	To support costs for building and installing a Community Notice Board.	Vibrant places and connected communities	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	<p>Please note: The applicant is receiving \$20,000 per year until June 2027 from the TDC Accelerator Fund. The purpose of this fund is for council to work alongside groups to build capability and diversified funding plans.</p> <p>There is also some uncertainty around this group merging in June 2025 with Tūrangi Neighbourhood support and Tūrangi Community Patrol. Please bear this in mind when accessing this application as this group will have a new name and new legal structure once the merger has taken place.</p> <p>This application is for a large community noticeboard. Officers have emailed the applicant to ask for an explanation on where the noticeboard will be erected, whether permission has been sought from the landowner/TDC (if applicable) and that it will be installed by a reputable builder for health/safety purposes. The group have informed officers that they would prefer to gain funding before they seek permission.</p>

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REF250353553	Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust	To support essential maintenance work at the Omori Kuratau Community Centre.	Resilient communities working in partnership Vibrant places and connected communities	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	
REF250356863	Tūrangi Foodbank Inc	To support operational costs for the Tūrangi Foodbank	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	Incomplete financial Information The group have submitted two almost identical applications.
REF250357344	Tūrangi Foodbank Inc (2nd application)	To support operational costs for the Tūrangi Foodbank	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	
REF250324664	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.	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$2,832	4 – 5	Officers spoke to the applicant to ask for cost evidence. Officers explained that the dinner costs are ineligible.
REF250302416	Tūrangi Blue Light	To support costs for trips and activities that the Tamariki of Tūrangi can experience.	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	
REF250308930	Tūrangi Neighbourhood Support	To support coordinator costs	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	NB: Tūrangi Neighbourhood support may be merging with Safe Tūrangi in the near future- we need to bear this in mind when considering this application as this organisation will no longer be operating under their own name due to the merger.
REF250309568	Tūrangi Community Patrol	To support costs of a part time coordinator	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	NB: Tūrangi Neighbourhood support may be merging with Safe Tūrangi in the near future- we need to bear this in mind when considering this application as this organisation will no longer be operating under their own name due to the merger.

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REF250341543	Oranga kawakawa	To support costs for uniform, signage, and rent.	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$5,000	4 – 5	The applicant has confirmed uniforms will be retained by the organisation.
REF250346781	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To support operational costs (wages) of the Healthy Harold programme delivery into Tūrangi schools.	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$4,000	4 – 5	The applicant applied to all three one-off funding opportunities (in Mangakino and Taupō). After officers provided an explanation around being ineligible to receive funding from the three funds, they have indicated that they would like to prioritise the Tūrangi Tongariro application and The Taupō Taupō East Rural application for consideration.
REF250301864	Omori Kuratau Pest Management Group Charitable trust	To support costs for pest management	Vibrant places and connected communities Flourishing environment	Environmental	\$5,000	4 – 5	
REF250312808	Tongariro National TroutCentre	To support costs of electrical upgrades for the community hub	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership Vibrant places and connected communities Flourishing environment Innovative Thriving Economy	Social Services	\$2,235.09	4 – 5	
REF250349268	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.	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Flourishing environment	Environmental	\$900	4 – 5	Group advised refreshment costs are ineligible. The group would like to redirect the request to be able to supply more materials for the event. Application is for the delivery of this initiative in April we just need to be mindful of retrospective funding as the funding decisions won't be made until end of April.
REF250353851	Southern Lakes Probus Club - Tūrangi	To support a series of group trips aimed at fostering social interaction amongst retirees in the Tūrangi Tongariro Ward.	Resilient communities working in partnership Vibrant places and connected communities	Arts Culture and Nga Toi	\$5,000	4 – 5	Officers spoke to applicant to confirm the trips won't take place until after the funding decision has been made as we can't fund retrospectively.

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REF250359073	Turangi Tongariro Sports Foundation Inc	To support operational costs for the Sports Foundation	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected, Resilient communities working in partnership	Sports	\$5,000	4-5	
REF250359612	Tongariro United Women's Rugby Team	To support operational costs for the club	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected, Resilient communities working in partnership	Sports	\$2818	4-5	
REF250358856	Tongariro Junior Rugby	To support equipment and services for the upcoming season	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected, Resilient communities working in partnership, Innovative Thriving Economy	Sports	\$3500	3-4	
REF250317106	Tūrangi Social Connection	To support the elderly and lonely people out of there house once a week for company and friendship	Vibrant places and connected communities	Social Services	\$1,560	3 – 4	TDC have requested further information regarding the group's accountability report for previous funding.
REF250352845	The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi, Incorporated	To support operational costs for the Animal Care Tūrangi Centre	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$5,000	3 – 4	Insurance costs are ineligible, which on their accounts is approximately 50% of this application.
REF250341839	Tongariro School	To support costs of continuing an existing Mural project at the school.	Vibrant places and connected communities	Arts	\$5,000	2 – 3	TDC officers requested more information relating to this application. The group have two applications in this fund. It is noted in the application this is a continuation of an existing project. It would be useful to know what timescales this project is working towards, as we need to ensure it is not retrospective. TDC officers requested quotes from the artist to support the budget, these have not yet been provided.
REF250346931	Tongariro School (2nd application)	To support the development of educational programs, resources, and facilities at Tongariro School	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Sports	\$5,000	1 – 2	No project budget provided and a lack of detail in terms of quotes and evidence. Officers have called and emailed the group to try and gain clarity.



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							TDC officers have attempted to support the group with their application and supplying the information needed for a complete application.

The below application was not submitted through Council's online platform, despite requests to submit online. The applicant was advised that the application would be put to the committee to collectively determine whether it is to be considered for funding or not.

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N/A Paper Application.	Tūrangi Aero Club	To support maintenance of the Aero Club buildings and equipment	Not supplied in paper application	Not supplied in paper application	\$5,000	2 – 3	

The below applications were also received, however did not meet eligibility or have been redirected toward more suitable TDC community funds.

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REF250359270	Birthing Goddess	To support the holistic care throughout pregnancy and childbirth	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Vibrant places and connected communities	Social Services	\$5,000	2 – 3	This appears to a business, therefore ineligible. Although there is mention in the application of free advice sessions \$5k is a lot of community funding to be applying for this cause. Our advice back to the applicant has been to set up operations first, and then if they are wanting to organise not-for-profit community sessions, come back to seek advice at a later date.
REF250311495	Family & Financial Solutions Trust	To support costs for two financial mentors	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership Innovative, thriving economy	Social Services	\$5,000.00	4 – 5	Moved to the Taupō/Taupō East rural funding round.
REF250322330 Moved across to Taupō/Taupō East Rural fund	Great Lake Taupō Filipino Basketball	To support costs for basketball tournaments	Vibrant places and connected communities	Sports	\$4,000	4 – 5	Moved to the Taupō/Taupō East rural funding round.