



**I give notice that  
Notice of Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution  
Committee meeting will be held on:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, 29 April 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Council Chamber Level 1, 67 Horomātangi Street Taupō</b>

# **AGENDA**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Chairperson** Cr Rachel Shepherd

**Deputy Chairperson**

**Members**

- Cr Kylie Leonard
- Cr Christine Rankin
- Mayor David Trewavas
- Cr John Williamson
- Ms Anneke Dinnington
- Ms Hollie West

**Quorum** 4

**Julie Gardyne  
Chief Executive**

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**4.1 TAUPO / TAUPO EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
- 2 MAY 2023**

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**Authorised by:** Nigel McAdie, Legal and Governance Manager

**NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the minutes of the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2023 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

**NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS**

1. Taupō / Taupō East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee Meeting Minutes - 2 May 2023

**5.1 APRIL 2025 - TAUPŌ AND TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION**

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

**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

To consider applications and allocate funding from the Taupō and Taupō East Rural Community Fund for the 2024 – 2025 financial year.

**WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Taupō and Taupō East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee has \$150,000 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 Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee:

1. Approves in full, in part, or declines the attached applications for the 2024 – 2025 financial year; and
2. Provides rationale for declined decisions.

**TE WHAKAMAHUKI | BACKGROUND**

This item is presented to the Taupō and Taupō East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee. This committee is responsible for allocating the fund to communities in the Taupō and Taupō East Rural 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 \$150,000 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 Taupō and Taupō East Rural 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**

56 applications requesting a total of \$202,955.79 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.

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.

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose of request</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
1	Pregnancy Help Inc	To support Pregnancy Help Taupō with operational costs.	\$5,000.00

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2	Taupō Parents Centre	To support costs for the child-birth education programme, care seat service and post birth classes.	\$5,000.00
3	Towncentre Taupō	To support operational costs for the Graffiato:Taupō Street Festival.	\$5,000.00
4	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To support salary costs for the educator as he delivers the Healthy Harold programme in schools.	\$5,000.00
5	Taupō Concert Band Inc	To purchase percussion equipment to be utilised by the band, Taupō School of Music, Taupō brass Academy, Taupō Brass, and Taupō Jazz Orchestra.	\$5,000.00
6	Awhina Society Trust	To contribute to operational costs including fuel for collection and delivery vehicles, and staff wages.	\$5,000.00
7	Taupō Disc Golf Club	To support purchasing nine new RPM Helix disc golf baskets, to be used for a pitch and putt course proposal.	\$5,000.00
8	Citizens Advice Bureau Taupō Inc	To support salary costs for the centre manager.	\$4,480.00
9	Great Lake Film Society	To support costs for a feature film.	\$5,000.00
10	Taupō Budget Advisory Service Inc	To support operational costs.	\$5,000.00
11	Taupō Timebank	To purchase timber for the Upskillz programme, run in partnership with Pathways.	\$4,600.00
12	Age Concern Taupō Inc.	To support with wages for three staff members.	\$5,000.00
13	Real Southern lakes	To support costs for Youth Week.	\$5,000.00
14	Studio42	To support operational and equipment costs for community-focussed music initiatives.	\$5,000.00
15	Wairakei Community Group - Rachel Canning	To support costs for a Matariki celebration event at Wairakei Village.	\$1,087.21
16	Taupō School of Music	To fund venue hire for the end of year concert.	\$643.48
17	One Taupō Trust	To support operational costs for the free Light Hub that runs for 17 nights over the July school holidays.	\$5,000.00
18	The Girl Guides Association New Zealand Incorporated	To support the local GirlGuiding units' hall hire expenses.	\$2,400.00
19	Bay of Plenty Music School - Taupō Committee	To aid in the costs of running the 2025 music school in Taupō.	\$5,000.00
20	Taupō Netball Centre	To purchase a water drinking station.	\$3,800.00
21	Wairakei Primary School	To purchase and install a map board showing directions to school areas.	\$2,782.00
22	Kinloch Village Golf Club Incorporated	To purchase an oven as part of the Kinloch Golf Club renovation project.	\$4,100.00
23	Taupō Community Playgroup	To support with renovation costs for the children's toilet area, including the manufacturing and installation of toilet doors.	\$3,500.00
24	From Raw to Radiant - The Fibre Rescue Project	To support equipment, materials and operational costs for the 'Raw to Radiant' Fibre Rescue Project.	\$5,000.00
25	Rangitaiki Community and School Association	To support operational costs for the Rangitaiki Hall.	\$5,000.00

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose of request</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
26	Ruth Tremain	To purchase wool and flannelette fabric so local whanau can continue to be provided with warm pyjamas and knitted goods.	\$1,000.00
27	Centre Stage Taupō Inc	To purchase a hazer.	\$3,529.27
28	Taupō Family Centre Incorporated	To support wage costs for the Taupō Family Centre.	\$5,000.00
29	Family & Financial Solutions Trust	To support wage costs for two financial mentors.	\$5,000.00
30	Dementia Lakes Charitable Trust	To support ongoing operating costs for a Dementia Advisor in the Taupō region.	\$3,481.44
31	Taupō Community Gardens	To assist in covering the wages for part time coordinators.	\$3,600.00
32	Special Olympics Taupō Trust	To support three teams of athletes (12 athletes) plus their coaches/carers/managers (6 volunteers) to attend the National Summer Games (NSG) to be held in Christchurch in December 2025.	\$5,000.00
33	AphasiaNZ Charitable Trust	To support the operating costs of the Community Aphasia Advisor support service in the Taupō region.	\$3,000.00
34	Taupō AFC	To purchase new equipment for the junior football teams.	\$3,593.24
35	24/7 Youth Work	To help cover wages for a trained youth worker to be in Taupō-nui-a-tia college 10 hours per week.	\$5,000.00
36	Volcanic Dive Squad	To support equipment and operational costs used to improve the health of Lake Taupō.	\$5,000.00
37	Momentum Charitable Trust	To support two, one-day life and financial skills programmes facilitated by Life101.	\$4,170.00
38	Oruanui Pony Club	To purchase a community AED device.	\$3,500.00
39	Emma Hampson-Tindale	To support costs associated with compete in the 2025 Australian National Gymnastics Championships	\$2,500.00
40	Rose Prisk	To support costs to represent New Zealand overseas in the Trans-Tasman Challenge.	\$1,435.00
41	Kian Weston	To cover the cost of flights and accommodation for the World Triathlon Championships.	\$5,000.00
42	Esme Morgan	To assist with travel costs to compete at the Mounted Games World Championships.	\$1,500.00
43	The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable Trust	To support service delivery costs for people with Parkinson's and Parkinsonism conditions in Taupō communities.	\$4,000.00
44	Central Plateau REAP Charitable Trust	To support operational costs to support a programme to students with specific learning difficulties/dyslexia and undertake assessments.	\$5,000.00
45	Brain Injury Waikato Inc.	To support operational costs (wages) for a Navigation and Support Officer who operates in the greater Waikato region and the Lakes district.	\$5,000.00
46	Great Lake Taupō Filipino Basketball Incorporated	To support operational costs for the local tournaments and the July tournament.	\$6,000.00
47	Taupō Neighbourhood Support	To support partial funding of wages for the area coordinator.	\$5,000.00

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose of request</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
48	Taupō Pink Walk	To support advertising and operational costs for the Taupō Pink Walk	\$2,018.54
49	Taupō District Riding Club and Bridleways Incorporated	To support maintenance costs of the local bridleways and a mounting block.	\$4,396.00
50	Diabetes New Zealand	To support operational, administration, travel, venue hire, and catering costs for each meeting	\$3,500.00
51	Good Bitches Trust	To support the operational costs associated with running the GBB programme in Taupō	\$1,500.00
52	International Mum's Group	To support material costs such as advertising and activities.	\$1,000.00
53	Taupō Phoenix Rugby League Club	To assist with operational costs of the club.	\$5,000.00
54	The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)	To provide desexing vouchers to families in the area who may struggle with the costs of this procedure.	\$4,913.00
55	Micah Wallace	To support travel and flight costs to represent NZ vs Australia at Rounds 1 & 2 of the AusCycling National Series at Lake Macquarie, NSW.	\$1,000.00
56	Taupō Lakes and Waterways	To support operational costs of the LWAG programme.	\$4,785.00

## **NGĀ HĪRAUNGA | CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Ngā Aronga Pūtea | Financial Considerations**

The Taupō and Taupō East Rural fund is \$150,000.00 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 Taupō and Taupō East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee is required to allocate the Taupō and Taupō East Rural 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 - Taupō Taupō East Rural Fund - Application and Assessment Summary