

ATTACHMENTS

**Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant
Distribution Committee meeting**

6 August 2025

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**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI TONGARIRO COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
MEETING
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL 2025 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Mr Te Takinga New (in the Chair), Cr Sandra Greenslade, Mayor David Trewavas

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), Senior Community Development Manager (G Smith), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Funding and Partnerships Advisor (E Godwin), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 11 members of the public

Chair Mr Te Takinga opened with a mihi and acknowledged those that had passed away, including Pope Francis.

1 KARAKIA

All present at the meeting recited the Taupō District Council opening karakia and Chair Te Takinga New provided the translation in English.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TTCG202504/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the apologies received from Mr Christian Asher, and Cr Karam Fletcher be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202504/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Sandra Greenslade declared the following interests and abstained from voting on resolutions distributing funding to these organisations:

- Secretary of Southern Lakes Probus Club
- Committee member of the Tokaanu Tūrangi RSA
- Member of SeniorNet Tūrangi Inc

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

TTCG202504/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

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.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202504/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS**5.1 APRIL 2025 - TŪRANGI AND TONGARIRO COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION**

The Funding and Partnerships Advisor explained that applications were usually only accepted via the online system. The paper application had been emailed to Council the day before applications closed. Officers emailed the applicant to request that they submit the application online but it did not come through. Committee members were asked to confirm if the application from the Tūrangi Aeroclub would be accepted.

TTCG202504/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Mayor David Trewavas

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee accepts the Tūrangi Aeroclub paper application to be considered in this funding round. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202504/03 above.

The Funding and Partnerships Advisor introduced herself and thanked those that had attended and also submitted applications.

She explained the purpose of the fund in the Tūrangi Tongariro ward as per the report and reiterated that applications should support the community projects for the area. She reminded members that the Application and Assessment Summary attached to the agenda provided scores showing how applications had aligned with the Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework.

She clarified that two Tūrangi Tongariro based organisations had received multi year funding through Council's Accelerator Fund of \$20k per organisation being Safe Tūrangi and the Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub.

For this funding round, a maximum of \$5k could be allocated per application, and 33 applications had been received.

An induction workshop had taken place on 19 February for committee members to learn about the Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework.

She advised that another funding round would occur around June/July 2025 for \$25k total because there would be two funding rounds for the financial year 2025/26.

The following applicants were present and provided additional information:

#30 Tūrangi Aero Club – Mr Mike Fransham

Mr Fransham introduced himself and explained that many members of the community recognised the airfield as an integral part of the community. He clarified that the funding requested was for mowing and operational costs to maintain the community asset.

#23 Tūrangi Tongariro Sports Foundation Inc – Ms Lesley Hardisty

Ms Hardisty explained that the foundation was involved in all of the sports clubs in the area and held 2 main events being the children's triathlon and the annual sports awards. The application was to increase storage for the various sports teams' equipment.

#22 Southern Lakes Probus Club – Mr Morrin Hardy

Mr Hardy explained that there had been a decrease in the number of people able to attend organised functions due to added cost burdens. Funding would be used for a garden trip to Taumarunui and possibly also for a cinema outing to Rotorua.

#27 The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi, Incorporated – Mrs Christine Dally

Mrs Dally explained that funding was required for operational costs and that while support was given from Taupō District Council for registering dogs, no funding was received. The facility was required in Tūrangi but did not have a large enough volunteer base to hold dogs onsite.

#8 Tūrangi Mountain Region Trust – Mr Steve Hollis and Mr Hira Haenga

Mr Haenga explained that the volunteer group had been helping with mowing lawns since 2017. He advised

that pride was important so usually they waited to be approached by people, or for a referral from a friend or family member. The 19 workers were rostered fortnightly but also responded to calls when available.

#10 Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust – Ms Raewyn Beattie

Ms Beattie explained that the community hall was 19 years old so funding would be used to change to LED lighting and reduce costs in the long-term. She confirmed that she had approached the Lines Company but did not receive support from them.

#3 Tūrangi Community Events (Rotary Club of Tūrangi) – Ms Dorene Mills

Ms Mills explained that there was storage available but with limited access. The team wanted to add more items each year as they facilitated more events.

#17 Oranga Kawakawa – Ms Maataparekaru Mellon

Ms Mellon explained that her project was to train more students and bring them into marae clinics around Tūrangi and in the community doing mirimiri (healing massage) and rongoā (traditional Māori healing). The funding applied for would be used for uniforms and storage.

#26 Tūrangi Social Connection – Mr Graeme Lauder

Mr Lauder confirmed that around 32 people used the service and that they received support from Tūwharetoa Health.

Members deliberated and decided on funding for applicants as follows:

	Applicant	Purpose of request	Deliberation
1	Central Plateau REAP Charitable Trust	To support with the lease costs for the Baden Powell Hall to deliver services in Tūrangi.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
2	Tūrangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated	To support the search and rescue team dog.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
3	Tūrangi Community Events (Rotary Club of Tūrangi)	To purchase shipping containers for storage and event supplies.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
4	Hato Hone St John	To teach school leavers first aid training.	Members declined this application and requested that officers put Hato Hone in touch with the Iwi and Co-Governance team regarding the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs initiative.
5	Tokaanu Tūrangi RSA	To purchase chairs and kitchen equipment for the club	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
6	Lake Taupō Hospice	To support costs for room hire for our Tūrangi based bereavement services monthly group sessions.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
7	Tūrangi Tokaanu Sports and Cultural Club (AKA Tūrangi Dambusters Junior Rugby League)	To support operational costs for Tūrangi Tokaanu Sports and Cultural Club.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
8	Tūrangi Mountain Region Trust	To support costs for a lawn mowing service by purchasing lawnmowers and line trimmers.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
9	Safe Tūrangi	To support costs for building and installing a Community Notice Board.	Members declined this application because Safe Tūrangi had received funding through Council's Accelerator Fund.
10	Omori Kuratau	To support essential maintenance work at the Omori Kuratau	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested

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	Charitable Trust	Community Centre.	funding due to limited funds.
11	Tūrangi Foodbank Inc	To support operational costs for the Tūrangi Foodbank.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
12	Tūrangi Foodbank Inc (2nd application)	To support operational costs.	Members declined this application because they approved funding for the previous application.
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.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
14	Tūrangi Blue Light	To support costs for trips and activities that the tamariki of Tūrangi can experience.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
15	Tūrangi Neighbourhood Support	To support coordinator costs.	Members declined applications from Tūrangi Neighbourhood Support and Tūrangi Community Patrol because the legal status was likely to change as a result of them merging with Safe Tūrangi. Once the merge process had been completed, the new organisation could apply for funding in the future.
16	Tūrangi Community Patrol	To support costs of a part time coordinator.	Members declined applications from Tūrangi Neighbourhood Support and Tūrangi Community Patrol because the legal status was likely to change as a result of them merging with Safe Tūrangi. Once the merge process had been completed, the new organisation could apply for funding in the future.
17	Oranga Kawakawa	To support costs for uniform, signage, and rent.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
18	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To support operational costs (wages) of the Healthy Harold programme delivery into Tūrangi schools.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
19	Omori Kuratau Pest Management Group Charitable trust	To support costs for pest management.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
20	Tongariro National Trout Centre	To support costs of electrical upgrades for the community hub.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
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.	Members approved the value of the hall hire.
22	Southern Lakes Probus Club -	To support a series of group trips aimed at fostering social	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested

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	Tūrangi	interaction amongst retirees in the Tūrangi Tongariro Ward.	funding due to limited funds.
23	Turangi Tongariro Sports Foundation Inc	To support operational costs for the Sports Foundation.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
24	Tongariro United Women's Rugby Team	To support operational costs.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
25	Tongariro Junior Rugby	To support equipment and services for the upcoming season.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
26	Tūrangi Social Connection	To support the elderly and lonely people out of there house once a week for company and friendship.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
27	The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi, Incorporated	To support operational costs for the Animal Care Tūrangi Centre.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
28	Tongariro School	To support costs of continuing an existing Mural project at the school.	Members supported the application and approved part of the requested funding due to limited funds.
29	Tongariro School (2nd application)	To support the development of educational programs, resources, and facilities at Tongariro School.	Members declined this application because they approved funding for the previous application.
30	Tūrangi Aero Club	To support maintenance of the Aero Club buildings and equipment.	Members approved this application in full.
31	Birthing Goddess	To support the holistic care throughout pregnancy and childbirth.	Members declined this application because it did not meet the criteria.

The Funding and Partnerships Advisor reassured members that the team helped applicants with other sources of funding and connected groups together to collaborate on projects.

The wider Community Engagement and Development team were building capability with workshops and wānanga for governance, raising profiles and sustainable funding.

TTCG202504/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in part the application for the 2024-2025 financial year for Tokaanu Tūrangi RSA - \$3,300.00. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except for Cr Sandra Greenslade voted in favour of resolution TTCG202504/04 above. Cr Sandra Greenslade abstained from voting on resolution TTCG202504/04.

TTCG202504/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in part the application for the 2024 – 2025 financial year for SeniorNet Tūrangi Inc - \$500.00. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except for Cr Sandra Greenslade voted in favour of resolution TTCG202504/05 above. Cr Sandra

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Greenslade abstained from voting on resolution TTCG202504/05.

TTCG202504/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in part the application for the 2024 – 2025 financial year for Southern Lakes Probus Club – Tūrangi - \$1,500.00. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except for Cr Sandra Greenslade voted in favour of resolution TTCG202504/06 above. Cr Sandra Greenslade abstained from voting on resolution TTCG202504/06.

TTCG202504/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Mayor David Trewavas

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee:

1. Approves in full, in part, or declines these applications for the 2024 – 2025 financial year as follows:
 - i. Central Plateau REAP Charitable Trust - \$3,000.00
 - ii. Tūrangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated - \$1,500.00
 - iii. Tūrangi Community Events (Rotary Club of Tūrangi) - \$3,000.00
 - iv. Hate Hone St John - Declined
 - v. Lake Taupō Hospice - \$900.00
 - vi. Tūrangi Tokaanu Sports and Cultural Club (AKA Tūrangi Dambusters Junior Rugby League) - \$2,500.00
 - vii. Tūrangi Mountain Region Trust - \$2,000.00
 - viii. Safe Tūrangi - Declined
 - ix. Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust - \$2,500.00
 - x. Tūrangi Foodbank Inc - \$3,000.00
 - xi. Tūrangi Foodbank Inc (2nd application) - Declined
 - xii. Tūrangi Blue Light - \$3,000.00
 - xiii. Tūrangi Neighbourhood Support - Declined
 - xiv. Tūrangi Community Patrol - Declined
 - xv. Oranga Kawakawa - \$1,500.00
 - xvi. Life Education Trust Central Plateau - \$750.00
 - xvii. Omori Kuratau Pest Management Group Charitable trust - \$2,450.00
 - xviii. Tongariro National Trout Centre - \$1,500.00
 - xix. David Timu - \$400.00
 - xx. Turangi Tongariro Sports Foundation Inc - \$4,000.00
 - xxi. Tongariro United Women's Rugby Team - \$1,000.00
 - xxii. Tongariro Junior Rugby - \$2,000.00
 - xxiii. Tūrangi Social Connection - \$1,200.00
 - xxiv. The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi, Incorporated - \$2,500.00
 - xxv. Tongariro School - \$1,000.00
 - xxvi. Tongariro School (2nd application) - Declined
 - xxvii. Tūrangi Aero Club - \$5,000.00
 - xxviii. Birthing Goddess - declined
2. Provides rationale for declined decisions.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202504/07 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.31am with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting held on 6 August 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON

July 2025 - Tūrangi Tongariro Community Fund

Amount Requested: \$38,420

Amount Available: \$25,000

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 applications are presented in alphabetical order, with the scores presented along with each application. A higher score indicates a stronger alignment with the framework.

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested (excl GST)	Application Score (out of 5)	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
REF250761239	David Timu	To deliver toi Māori-based creative workshops- Hue Wānanga	Tangata Whenua are acknowledged and respected Vibrant places and connected communities Innovative and thriving economy	Arts, Culture and Ngā toi	\$1,500	3.5		
REF250680079	Southern Lakes Probus Club - Tūrangi	To support a series of group outings for social connection and lifelong learning for retirees.	Vibrant places and connected communities Resilient communities working in partnership Innovative thriving economy	Social Services	\$3,500	4	Application Withdrawn due to previous funds not being spent as of yet.	-
REF210921762	The Society for Animal care Tūrangi inc	Funding to cover ongoing veterinary expenses at Animal Care Tūrangi	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$7,500	3.5	Please note, groups are only eligible to receive a maximum of \$5,000.	
REF250767890	Tokaanu Tūrangi RSA	Hot water cylinder, ergonomic chairs and a coffee table	Resilient communities working in partnership Innovative thriving economy	Social Services	\$5,000	5		
REF250764746	Turangi Karate Club	To support entrance fee costs for Tūrangi members to participate and compete at the TSKF/ISKF New Zealand 14th Seminar & Championships	Vibrant places and connected communities	Sport	\$2,000	4.5		
REF250748502	Tongariro Junior Rugby	To purchase a marquee for three teams at the Taupo Global Games	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Sport	\$1,220	4.75	Accountability report not yet received as of 28/07/25	.

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested (excl GST)	Application Score (out of 5)	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
REF250737058	Tongariro National Troutcentre	To support local school education	Resilient communities working in partnership Flourishing environment Innovative, thriving economy Resilient communities working in partnership Vibrant places and connected communities Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Environmental	\$5,000	3.25	This funding will cover transport costs for 5-6 Taupo schools to experience the Trout Centre and gain educational knowledge in a fun and interaction way.	
REF250675519	Tūrangi Social Connection	To support bus costs for social outings for elderly and lonely people	Vibrant places and connected communities Resilient communities working in partnership Innovative, thriving economy	Social Services	\$3,500	3.5		
REF250766868	Tūrangi Social Connection (second application)	To support with rent costs for Tūrangi Social Connection	Not listed	Social Services	\$3,700	2.25	Little information has been provided.	
REF250763254	Tūrangi Wanderers AFC	To purchase team uniforms and sporting equipment	Vibrant places and connected communities	Sport	\$5,000	4.25	The applicant has confirmed that uniforms will be retained by the club.	
REF250761517	Safe Tūrangi	To purchase a mobile community noticeboard	Innovative, thriving economy Resilient communities working in partnership	Social Services	\$5,000	4.75	Please note that Safe Tūrangi receive the Accelerator Fund, however groups are eligible to receive up to two Taupo Council community funds per financial year.	

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			Vibrant places and connected communities					
			Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected					
REF250677724	Safe Tūrangi	To provide a physical office space in Tūrangi Town Centre for Police and other local safety organisations to strengthen community relationships.		Social Services	\$5,000	Application Withdrawn	Application Withdrawn	



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.

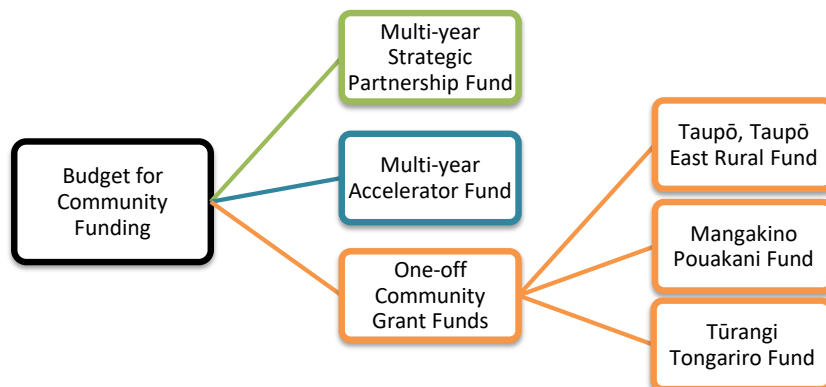
Background

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?

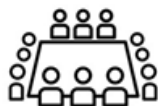


1. Strategic Partnership Fund

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



\$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)
- Waiora 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

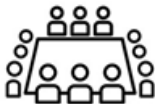
Community grant funds are one-off contestable funds of up to \$5,000 excl GST to support community-led events, projects, and initiatives. Community groups, organisations and even individuals may apply to these funds. There are three funds split across Taupō District Council Wards.



\$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.



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

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.

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

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)
Project/ activity purpose	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?	
Strategic Alignment	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?	
Capacity and Experience	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?	
Evidence Based Budget	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?	
Success Evaluation	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>	
Project Benefit	Has the applicant identified who the project, activity or service will benefit and where in the Taupō district these people reside?	1
Community Support	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)?	