



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

Date:	Thursday, 7 August 2025
Time:	10.00am
Location:	Council Chamber 67 Horomātangi Street Taupō

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
- 9 MAY 2024**

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

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 Thursday 9 May 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee Meeting Minutes - 9 May 2024

**4.2 TAUPO / TAUPO EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MEETING
- 29 APRIL 2025**

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

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 29 April 2025 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee Meeting Minutes - 29 April 2025

5.1 AUGUST 2025 - TAUPŌ AND TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

Author: Ellie Godwin, Funding and Partnerships Advisor

Authorised by: Tania Russell, Community Engagement and Development Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To consider applications and allocate funding from the Taupō and Taupō East Rural Community Fund for the first funding round of the 2025 – 2026 financial year.

WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Taupō and Taupō East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee has \$75,000 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 first funding round of the 2025 – 2026 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 \$75,000 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 1.

Please also refer to attachment 2 for a guide to support committee members when making decisions on the allocation of community funds.

NGĀ TONO | APPLICATIONS

44 applications requesting a total of \$195,209 were received from 27 June – 25 July 2025, 4.30pm. The applications were shared securely with the committee from 2 July 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 1.

	Applicant	Purpose of request	Amount Requested
1	Active Arts Incorporated Taupō	To purchase plaster and wooden moulds for the	\$4,525

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		pottery studio	
2	Act2 Visual and Performing Arts School	To support tutoring fees for external pacifica workshops	\$5,000
3	Age Concern Taupō Inc.	To support wage costs	\$5,000
4	Bad Ass Training Limited	To purchase equipment for senior exercise classes and to purchase an AED machine for the studio	\$5,000
5	Centre Stage Taupō Inc	To support the rental of wireless body microphones for an upcoming collaborative project with The Great Lake Big Band	\$2,291
6	Citizens Advice Bureau - Taupō	To support wage costs	\$4,560
7	Emma Hampson-Tindale	To fund fights and accommodation to compete in the World Trampoline Championships in Spain	\$5,000
8	Epilepsy Association of New Zealand	To support operational costs and wages for the lakes educator	\$2,000
9	Equestrian Sport New Zealand - National Equestrian Centre Taupō	Operational materials to improve health and safety management of the entire facility	\$5,000
10	Family & Financial Solutions Trust	To support wage costs for three Certified Financial Mentors, in support of the local community	\$5,000
11	From Raw to Radiant – The Fibre Rescue Project	To support essential equipment and fibre processing services	\$3,200
12	Garth & Angie London	To support an AED defibrillator at our Whakaipo Lodge location close to Whakaipo Bay	\$4,161
13	Great Lake Taupo Filipino Basketball Inc	To subsidise the running costs of the basketball tournaments	\$1,000
14	Heart Kids New Zealand	To support operational costs	\$5,000
15	Lake Taupō District Sports Advisory Council	To support part time employment for the 2025 Lake Taupo District Sports Awards	\$15,000
16	Lake Taupō Parkinson's Support Group	To purchase two spin bikes for exercise classes	\$1,065
17	Lake Taupō Woodworkers Guild. - Ngā Kaihanga Rawa Rākau (o Taupō)	To purchase an air filtration unit which is not a fixed unit so can be utilised at other venues the woodworkers are exhibiting i.e Wairakei School Hall.	\$1,329.05
18	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To support salary for educator to deliver the Healthy Harold programme in Taupo schools	\$5,000
19	Lifelink/Samaritans Incorporated	To support operational costs and training for volunteers	\$4,000
20	Momentum Charitable Trust	To support life and financial skills programmes run at the Taupo Probation Centre	\$4,170
21	Nukis Boxing Gym	To purchase uniforms for new boxers and coaches to be used at competition and events	\$3,470
22	Pregnancy Help Charitable Trust	To support operational costs	\$11,200.68
23	Rangitaiki Community Association	To assist with the removal and replacement of the two broken soffits and new blinds to protect the new flooring	\$4,604

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24	Rotorua and Districts Multiple Sclerosis Society Incorporated	To support with the Community Adviser's employment costs, vehicle running cost, transport support for members and funding support group meetings as required.	\$5,000
25	Rugby 101 Kiwi Warrior	To support sports equipment and marketing materials	\$5,000
26	SPCA Taupō	To provide a further 25 community desexing vouchers for families in Taupō	\$5,300
27	Tauhara College Arts Department	To support the Tauhara College Arts Showcase	\$4,500
28	Taupō BMX	To support St John Ambulance services for BMX events	\$2837.62
29	Taupō Budget Advisory Service Inc	To support operational costs	\$5,000
30	Taupō Disc Golf Club	To purchase 9 new RPM Helix disc golf baskets for Spa Park	\$5,000
31	Taupō Girls Rugby	To support costs for the Taupo Girls Rugby team travelling to Hong Kong for a 7s rugby tour.	\$5,000
32	Taupō Lakes and Waterways (TLAW)	To support with forum administration costs	\$4,785
33	Taupō Neighbourhood Support	To support with the partial funding of wages for our Area Coordinator	\$5,000
34	Taupo-nui-a-Tia College	To purchase sports equipment for break time sports hub	\$1,918.81
35	Towncentre Taupō	To support the inclusion of the skate park water tank as a site for a mural for Graffiato and to paint over some of the tagging on past mural in the CB	\$5,000
36	Taupō Timebank	To support a kai kitchen fitout, a community kitchen facility. Stainless steel benches, cooking utensils and equipment	\$4,870
37	Taupō Association Football Club	To purchase team uniforms with new goal keeping jerseys and gloves	\$2,811
38	Taupō phoenix rugby league club	To assist in costs associated with celebrating 21 years	\$5,000
39	Taupō Rodeo Club Inc	To purchase a generator, sound system and advertising costs for a Taupō Rodeo event	\$4,986
40	Te Rerewai Meihana	To support accommodation, transport and fees to attend Aims games - a national sporting competition	\$1,500
41	Tri Sport Taupō Incorporated	To support coaching costs for the junior division of the triathlon club	\$4,800
42	Ty Alexander Blake	To support ravel and accommodation costs for an upcoming Tri Nations Youth Rodeo Challenge in Australia and another challenge in New Zealand December 2025	\$2,000
43	Wairakei Community Group	Outdoor movie night community event	\$3,500
44	Youthtown	To support a mentoring program for alternative education participants in collaboration with Lake Local	\$4,825

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, each of \$75,000 excluding GST.

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 to the next funding round.

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 taonga.

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 first round of funding for the Taupō and Taupō East Rural Community Fund for the 2025 – 2025 financial year, in line with the policy and the eligibility and assessment framework.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. July 2025 - Taupō / Taupō East Rural Community Fund - Application and Assessment Summary
2. Decision Makers Toolkit