

ATTACHMENTS

**Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community
Grant Distribution Committee meeting**

7 August 2025

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Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting Minutes

9 May 2024

**0 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TAUPŌ / TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2024 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Cr Rachel Shepherd (in the Chair), Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Senior Community Engagement Advisor (G Smith), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), Funding and Partnerships Advisor (E Godwin), Communications Advisor (R Watts), Committee Advisor (N Turnbull)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 10 members of the public

Notes: (i) Cr Rachel Shepherd opened and closed the meeting with a Karakia.

*(ii) Cr Rachel Shepherd declared a conflict of interest pertaining to the following applicants:
Hilltop School Year 8 Dance Team*

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TTER202405/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apology received from Mayor David Trewavas be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTER202405/05 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Rachel Shepherd did not participate in deliberations for the Hilltop School Year 8 Dance Team application.

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

TTER202405/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

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.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTER202405/06 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS**5.1 TAUPŌ/TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT 2023/24**

The Funding and Partnerships Advisor introduced herself to the committee and outlined her role. She explained that each application's accountability process required applicants to submit receipts and evidence detailing how funding would be utilised. The documentation was necessary for the application to proceed. Groups were allotted a one-year period from receipt of funds to account for their spending. Alternatively, once all funding was spent they had one month to complete accounting and generate an accountability report.

The following groups were in attendance to speak to the committee about their application:

- Victoria Kay and dance team member (Nexus Dance Team)
- Gabby Donald
- Kim Kaukau (Te Hokinga ki to Mauri Trust)
- Andrew Lilburn (Taupō Council of Social Services)
- Lake Taupō Hospice
- Rika Fukushima dance team members (Hilltop Year 8 Dance Team)
- Val Hoogerbrugge (Taupō Multicultural Community Council Incorporation)

The applicants presented their applications and answered questions from the committee.

	Applicant	Grant Purpose	Deliberation
1	Tirohanga School	Disc Golf for our community	Application withdrawn as it did not meet the eligibility requirements of this fund.
2	Taupō Multicultural Community Council Incorporation	To provide a forum for all ethnicities living in our community	The committee supported this application because it was a valuable initiative and the funds would help create a positive outcome for ethnic groups in the community.
3	Taupō Community Playgroup	Reroofing of the Community Playgroup building and outdoor maintenance	The committee supported this application because it was beneficial for a group that provided much needed support to families in the community.
4	Gabrielle Donald	Support to attend the London International Youth Science Forum	The committee supported this application and acknowledged that the travel required to London for an opportunity that would not otherwise be available to the applicant in New Zealand.
5	Taupō Bridge Club	For an opening glass window for the new office which will open out into the main bridge room	The committee supported part of this application and acknowledged that the Taupō Bridge Club was well utilised by members of the public.
6	Rangitaiki Community Hall and School Association	Flooring and heating for Rangitaiki Community Hall	The committee supported part of this application, acknowledging that the hall was a valuable venue for community events and required heating for continued use during the winter months.
7	Nikki Stormont	To purchase equipment and items for the River Road Craft Group	The committee supported the application in full as this was a positive initiative that would help bring the River Road community together and connect.

	Applicant	Grant Purpose	Deliberation
8	Nukuhau Marae - Rangatira A138 Reservation	Proposal for Tūwharetoa Marae sports	The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor noted that this group had an opportunity to apply for other funds due to the location. The committee supported this application in part as they believed in the aspirations of the marae and the benefits the enhanced sporting experiences would have on whānau.
9	Taupō Parents Centre	Taupō Car Seat Service	The committee understood that this applicant had the opportunity to apply for other funds, but wanted to support the service as they believed it was a much needed service for the community.
10	Hilltop School YR 8 Dance Team	For travel costs to compete at Dance NZ made finals in Palmerston North	Due to significant demand for the fund, with limited funds available for allocation, and the team not yet having confirmation of qualification for Nationals the committee decided the application was not a high priority.
11	Taupō Association Football Club	To help fund the Taupō Club Playing Uniforms	The committee supported this application in part as they believed that the funds would have a positive impact and would help encourage sports in young students.
12	Lake Taupō Hospice	School liaison salary for the Creative Carnival	The committee acknowledged that this application was very beneficial for the children of the community and wanted to support the cause. While the committee wanted to support this application in full, they understood there were other avenues for the application to receive funds.
13	Tina Shaw - River Road Residents Collective	To fund an AED at the River Road Community Hall	The committee decided to support this application in full as they believed it was a necessary and helpful asset to this rural community.
14	Taupō Council of Social Services (TCOSS)	Community Governance Programme	The committee acknowledged that this application was very positive and would enhance the education of many community members. While the committee wanted to support this application in full, with limited funds to distribute they agreed to fund it partly.
15	Te Hokinga ki to Mauri Trust	To hold 6 Rongoa Wānanga to cater to the Taupō Community	The committee appreciated the efforts of Te Hokinga ki to Mauri Trust towards this initiative, they believed it was very positive and impactful on the health of community members. With limited funds to distribute they agreed to fund it partly.
16	Wairakei Community	To improve both entranceways into Wairakei Village	Application withdrawn
17	Nexus Dance Team	To assist with attending the NZDA New Zealand Dance Awards in Christchurch	The committee congratulated the applicants for qualifying for the NZDA in Christchurch and wanted to support their travels by funding the application partly.

TTER202405/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the Taupō/Taupō East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee:

1. approves in full, in part or declines the attached applications for the 2023/24 financial year as follows:
 1. Tirohanga School - withdrawn
 2. Taupō Multicultural Community Council Incorporation - \$2,500.00
 3. Taupo Community Playgroup - \$3306.75
 4. Gabrielle Donald - \$1,000.00
 5. Taupo Bridge Club - \$1,144.25
 6. Rangitaiki Community Hall and School Association - \$6,605.00
 7. Nikki Stormont - \$1,092.00
 8. Nukuhau Marae - Rangatira A138 Reservation - \$1,500.00
 9. Taupo Parents Centre - \$1,000.00
 10. Hilltop School YR 8 Dance Team - declined
 11. Taupo Association Football Club - \$1,000.00
 12. Lake Taupo Hospice - \$3,000.00
 13. Tina Shaw (on behalf of the River Road Residents Collective) - \$3606.00
 14. Taupō Council of Social Services (TCOSS) - \$3,000.00
 15. Te Hokinga ki to Mauri Trust - \$2,000.00
 16. Wairakei Community - withdrawn
 17. Nexus Dance Team - \$1,000.00

2. provides rationale for declined decisions.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution

TTER202405/07 Resolution

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the Taupō/Taupō East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee:

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 20. Taupo Community Playgroup - \$3306.75
 21. Gabrielle Donald - \$1,000.00
 22. Taupo Bridge Club - \$1,144.25
 23. Rangitaiki Community Hall and School Association - \$6,605.00

- 24. Nikki Stormont - \$1,092.00
- 25. Nukuhau Marae - Rangatira A138 Reservation - \$1,500.00
- 26. Taupo Parents Centre - \$1,000.00
- 27. Hilltop School YR 8 Dance Team - declined
- 28. Taupo Association Football Club - \$1,000.00
- 29. Lake Taupo Hospice - \$3,000.00
- 30. Tina Shaw (on behalf of the River Road Residents Collective) - \$3606.00
- 31. Taupō Council of Social Services (TCOSS) - \$3,000.00
- 32. Te Hokinga ki to Mauri Trust - \$2,000.00
- 33. Wairakei Community - withdrawn
- 34. Nexus Dance Team - \$1,000.00

- 2. provides rationale for declined decisions.

Carried

above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 12:20pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting held on 29 April 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TAUPŌ / TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LEVEL 1, 67 HOROMĀTANGI STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2025 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Cr Rachel Shepherd (in the Chair), Cr Kylie Leonard (until 4.20pm), Cr Christine Rankin (from 11.21am until 12.48pm), Cr John Williamson, Ms Anneke Dinnington, Ms Hollie West

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), Senior Community Development Advisor (G Smith), Community Development Advisor (A Hendricks), Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District (C Dredge), Funding and Partnerships Advisor (E Godwin), Legal and Governance Coordinator (M Cammell), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 17 members of the public

Notes: (i) Cr Christine Rankin entered the meeting at 11.21am and left the meeting at 12.48pm. She was not present for resolutions TTER202504/01-08.
(ii) Cr Kylie Leonard left the meeting at 4.20pm. She was not present for resolutions TTER202504/03-08.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TTER202504/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apologies received from Mayor David Trewavas (for absence) and from Cr Christine Rankin (for lateness) be accepted. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared and members abstained from voting on resolutions distributing funding to these organisations:

Cr John Williamson – Life Education Trust and Taupō School of Music

Ms Anneke Dinnington – Citizens Advice Bureau

Ms Hollie West – Taupō Concert Band Inc, Taupō School of Music, One Taupō Trust, Bay of Plenty Music School – Taupō Committee

Cr Rachel Shepherd – Trustee of Taupō Timebank

Cr Kylie Leonard – Board member of Taupō-nui-a-Tia College (concerning 24/7 support)

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

TTER202504/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

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.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

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

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor thanked those that had attended the meeting, and applied for funding. She reiterated that the committee had \$150K to distribute as per the report, and that applications had been scored according to the Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework as shown in the Application and Assessment Summary attached to the agenda.

Applicants present at the meeting introduced themselves to the committee and answered questions:

#6 Awhina Society Trust – Ms Simone Gibson

Ms Gibson clarified the following:

- There had been a large increase in people using the service over the previous 12 months.
- Funding and support from Council was needed because there was a lot of demand from the community for food parcels to individuals and also organisations.
- The Trust was growing food rescue operations.
- The Trust operated in a different way to the other Taupō foodbank in that it offered a week's worth of three meals per person per day. The Trust did share resources with the other foodbank.

#10 Taupō Budget Advisory Service Inc – Ms Rebecca Robertson

Ms Robertson advised that demand for the service had increased over the previous 12 months.

#54 The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) – Ms Donna Urquhart

Ms Urquhart confirmed that the SPCA worked with CARE by sharing resources to collect animals and sharing foster parents for animals.

#31 Taupō Community Gardens

The following was confirmed:

- Anti-social behaviour had been mitigated by increasing the hours when people were onsite, and installing cameras. Signage explained the purpose of the gardens and the damage had stopped.
- New people were joining all the time and there was now a cross section and spread of ages for future proofing and succession planning.
- The Taupō Community Gardens had a relationship with Budget House and local schools and worked well with them.
- The Taupō Community Gardens collaborated with a community garden in Nukuhau and gave any excess products to them on Mondays. They also shared compost equipment.

#22 Kinloch Village Golf Club Incorporated – Ms Carolyn Hedley

Ms Hedley confirmed that the Kinloch Village Golf Club was a community facility and well used. A local group used it once per week, and a farmer's group used it regularly. Membership at the golf club had risen to over 400 members.

#13 REAL Southern Lakes – Ms Olivia Beck

Ms Beck confirmed that events had been run before and were successful so with additional funding, they would be done better. She confirmed that REAL Taupō and Southern Lakes were the same organisation and operated district wide.

#11 Taupō Timebank – Mr Blair Cameron

Mr Cameron explained that there were 2 different age groups for the Upskillz programme and that they worked with schools, groups and homeschools. They taught them how to build things, giving them the experience of using tools and gardening. By the end of 3 or 4 lessons they would have built a garden bed and planted it with vegetables. Some went home and built garden beds for family members. Tools were provided to those attending workshops to build garden beds and Taupō Timebank was supported by Mitre 10 and roofing industries for materials.

#3 Towncentre Taupō – Ms Julie McLeod and Mr Ken Harris

Ms McLeod and Mr Harris confirmed that there was a mixture of new art and replacement art each year. Art students were not usually able to participate due to the timing with exams but some that volunteered went on to become artists.

#7 Taupō Disc Golf Club – Mr Ken Harris

Mr Harris confirmed that it was hard to know the numbers using the disc golf course because while there was an app, only some used this. Since 2021 when the course opened there had been events organised which drew more interest. The shared space with dog walkers worked really well and club members called out bad behaviour if they saw it.

Cr Christine Rankin entered the meeting at this point (11.21am).

Mr Harris confirmed that the Club were interested in adding a pitch and putt course near Nuki's Gym for practising and learning the game. The Club was in discussions with Council's Parks and Reserves team regarding this.

#27 Centre Stage Taupō Inc – Ms Kylie Dumble

Ms Dumble explained that a haze created texture in the air and lighting changes for theatrical and musical events to create interesting effects.

#23 Taupō Community Playgroup – Ms Vera Spurdle

Ms Spurdle explained that the playgroup was aiming to improve accessibility of the toilets for the small children to use them independently. This would mean smaller toilets and push taps. The work was being done in stages and the timing meant that the flooring needed to be replaced. Funding had been received from the Ministry of Education but it did not cover the entire project.

#15 Wairakei Community Group – Ms Rachel Canning and Ms Vera Spurdle

Ms Canning and Ms Spurdle explained that this group was trying to create a connected community with community spirit and make Wairakei village a more enjoyable place to live. The group collaborated with Kids Greening Taupō on some projects.

#35 24/7 Youth Work – Ms Caitlin Hodges

Ms Hodges clarified that she would work with REAL Southern Lakes and Anamata to support what they were doing already for youth. The funding requested was to support Taupō-nui-a-Tia with a youth worker.

#4 Life Education Trust Central Plateau – Ms Robyn King

Ms King clarified that the Trust visited over 1600 children from ten schools in the local Taupō region. 85% of schools in the region had a visit either annually or biannually – they could not fit all schools in with one educator and the timetable.

#41 Kian Weston – Mr Greg Weston

Mr Weston introduced himself and explained that he was Kian's father. He had been competing in a three part youth series for triathlons and finished 2nd overall. He was selected to go to a competition and the

funding requested was to support that.

#36 Volcanic Dive Squad – Ms Sharon Graham

Ms Graham confirmed that the squad operated in Lake Taupō but occasionally went to Rotorua or Wellington for assistance with clean up dives. The squad did not charge for finding lost items but sometimes were given a koha as thanks.

#56 Taupō Lakes and Waterways – Ms Natalie Haines

Ms Haines thanked Council for funding in the previous years.

Members deliberated and allocated funding as follows:

	Applicant	Purpose of request	Deliberation
1	Pregnancy Help Inc	To support Pregnancy Help Taupō with operational costs.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
2	Taupō Parents Centre	To support costs for the child-birth education programme, care seat service and post birth classes.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
3	Towncentre Taupō	To support operational costs for the Graffiato:Taupō Street Festival.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
4	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To support salary costs for the educator as he delivers the Healthy Harold programme in schools.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
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.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
6	Awhina Society Trust	To contribute to operational costs including fuel for collection and delivery vehicles, and staff wages.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
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.	Members supported this application but declined funding because the appropriate permission had not been granted. Members would consider a new funding request in the June/July funding round.
8	Citizens Advice Bureau Taupō Inc	To support salary costs for the centre manager.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
9	Great Lake Film Society	To support costs for a feature film.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
10	Taupō Budget Advisory Service Inc	To support operational costs.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
11	Taupō Timebank	To purchase timber for the Upskillz programme, run in partnership with Pathways.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
12	Age Concern Taupō Inc.	To support with wages for three staff members.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
13	Real Southern lakes	To support costs for Youth Week.	Members supported this application

			and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
14	Studio42	To support operational and equipment costs for community-focussed music initiatives.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
15	Wairakei Community Group - Rachel Canning	To support costs for a Matariki celebration event at Wairakei Village.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
16	Taupō School of Music	To fund venue hire for the end of year concert.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
17	One Taupō Trust	To support operational costs for the free Light Hub that runs for 17 nights over the July school holidays.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds. They acknowledged that some funding had been granted through the Creative scheme and from Council' Events team.
18	The Girl Guides Association New Zealand Incorporated	To support the local GirlGuiding units' hall hire expenses.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
19	Bay of Plenty Music School - Taupō Committee	To aid in the costs of running the 2025 music school in Taupō.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
20	Taupō Netball Centre	To purchase a water drinking station.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
21	Wairakei Primary School	To purchase and install a map board showing directions to school areas.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
22	Kinloch Village Golf Club Incorporated	To purchase an oven as part of the Kinloch Golf Club renovation project.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
23	Taupō Community Playgroup	To support with renovation costs for the children's toilet area, including the manufacturing and installation of toilet doors.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
24	From Raw to Radiant - The Fibre Rescue Project	To support equipment, materials and operational costs for the 'Raw to Radiant' Fibre Rescue Project.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
25	Rangitaiki Community and School Association	To support operational costs for the Rangitaiki Hall.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
26	Ruth Tremain	To purchase wool and flannelette fabric so local whanau can continue to be provided with warm pyjamas and knitted goods.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
27	Centre Stage Taupō Inc	To purchase a hazer.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
28	Taupō Family Centre Incorporated	To support wage costs for the Taupō Family Centre.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
29	Family & Financial Solutions Trust	To support wage costs for two financial mentors.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.

30	Dementia Lakes Charitable Trust	To support ongoing operating costs for a Dementia Advisor in the Taupō region.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
31	Taupō Community Gardens	To assist in covering the wages for part time coordinators.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
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.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
33	AphasiaNZ Charitable Trust	To support the operating costs of the Community Aphasia Advisor support service in the Taupō region.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
34	Taupō AFC	To purchase new equipment for the junior football teams.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
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.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
36	Volcanic Dive Squad	To support equipment and operational costs used to improve the health of Lake Taupō.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
37	Momentum Charitable Trust	To support two, one-day life and financial skills programmes facilitated by Life101.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
38	Oruanui Pony Club	To purchase a community AED device.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
39	Emma Hampson-Tindale	To support costs associated with compete in the 2025 Australian National Gymnastics Championships	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
40	Rose Prisk	To support costs to represent New Zealand overseas in the Trans-Tasman Challenge.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
41	Kian Weston	To cover the cost of flights and accommodation for the World Triathlon Championships.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
42	Esme Morgan	To assist with travel costs to compete at the Mounted Games World Championships.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
43	The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable Trust	To support service delivery costs for people with Parkinson's and Parkinsonism conditions in Taupō communities.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
44	Central Plateau REAP Charitable Trust	To support operational costs to support a programme to students with specific learning difficulties/dyslexia and undertake assessments.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
45	Brain Injury Waikato Inc.	To support operational costs (wages) for a Navigation and	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding

		Support Officer who operates in the greater Waikato region and the Lakes district.	requested due to limited funds.
46	Great Lake Taupō Filipino Basketball Incorporated	To support operational costs for the local tournaments and the July tournament.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
47	Taupō Neighbourhood Support	To support partial funding of wages for the area coordinator.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
48	Taupō Pink Walk	To support advertising and operational costs for the Taupō Pink Walk	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
49	Taupō District Riding Club and Bridleways Incorporated	To support maintenance costs of the local bridleways and a mounting block.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
50	Diabetes New Zealand	To support operational, administration, travel, venue hire, and catering costs for each meeting	Members declined this application because most of the funding would go to the national office rather than benefit people in the Taupō district.
51	Good Bitches Trust	To support the operational costs associated with running the GBB programme in Taupō	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
52	International Mum's Group	To support material costs such as advertising and activities.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
53	Taupō Phoenix Rugby League Club	To assist with operational costs of the club.	Members supported this application and approved part of the funding requested due to limited funds.
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.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
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.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.
56	Taupō Lakes and Waterways	To support operational costs of the LWAG programme.	Members supported this application and approved the funding requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.48pm and Cr Christine Rankin left the meeting. The meeting was reconvened at 3.06pm.

Cr Kylie Leonard left the meeting at 4.20pm.

TTER202504/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Hollie West

Seconded: Ms Anneke Dinnington

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in part, the application for the 2024 – 2025 financial year for Life Education Trust Central Plateau - \$2,500.00.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except for Cr John Williamson voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/03 above. Cr John

Williamson abstained from voting on resolution TTER202504/03.

TTER202504/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Ms Hollie West

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in full, the application for the 2024 – 2025 financial year for Citizens Advice Bureau Taupō Inc- \$4,480.00. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except Ms Anneke Dinnington voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/04 above. Ms Anneke Dinnington abstained from voting on resolution TTER202504/04.

TTER202504/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Ms Anneke Dinnington

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in part, the applications for the 2024-2025 financial year:

1. Taupō Concert Band Inc- \$4,000.00.
2. One Taupō Trust - \$1,000.00.
3. Bay of Plenty Music School - Taupō Committee - \$3,000.00.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except for Ms Hollie West voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/05 above. Ms Hollie West abstained from voting on resolution TTER202504/05.

TTER202504/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Ms Anneke Dinnington

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in full, the application for the 2024 – 2025 financial year for Taupō School of Music - \$643.00. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except for Ms Hollie West and Cr John Williamson voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/06 above. Ms Hollie West and Cr John Williamson abstained from voting on resolution TTER202504/06.

TTER202504/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Ms Anneke Dinnington

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in full, the application for the 2024 – 2025 financial year for Taupō Timebank - \$4,600.00. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting except for Cr Rachel Shepherd voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/07 above. Cr Rachel Shepherd abstained from voting on resolution TTER202504/07.

TTER202504/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Hollie West

Seconded: Ms Anneke Dinnington

That the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee:

1. Approves in full, in part, or declines the remainder of applications for the 2024 – 2025 financial year

as follows:

- i. Pregnancy Help Inc - \$5,000.00
- ii. Taupō Parents Centre - \$5,000.00
- iii. Towncentre Taupō - \$4,000.00
- iv. Awhina Society Trust - \$3,000.00
- v. Taupō Disc Golf Club - Declined
- vi. Great Lake Film Society - \$2,000.00
- vii. Taupō Budget Advisory Service - \$4,000.00
- viii. Age Concern Taupō Inc. - \$4,000.00
- ix. Real Southern Lakes - \$2,500.00
- x. Studio42 - \$2,500.00
- xi. Wairakei Community Group - Rachel Canning - \$1087.00
- xii. Girl Guides Association NZ - \$2,400.00
- xiii. Taupō Netball Centre - \$3,800.00
- xiv. Wairakei Primary School - \$2,000.00
- xv. Kinloch Village Golf Club - \$4,100.00
- xvi. Taupō Community Playgroup - \$3,500.00
- xvii. From Raw to Radiant - The Fibre Rescue Project - \$2,500.00
- xviii. Rangitai Community and School Association - \$5,000.00
- xix. Ruth Tremain - \$1,000.00
- xx. Centre Stage Taupō Inc - \$3,529.00
- xxi. Taupō Family Centre Inc - \$2,500.00
- xxii. Family & Financial Solutions Trust - \$3,000.00
- xxiii. Dementia Lakes Charitable Trust - \$1,700.00
- xxiv. Taupō Community Gardens - \$3,600.00
- xxv. Special Olympics Taupō Trust - \$5,000.00
- xxvi. AphasiaNZ Charitable Trust – \$500.00
- xxvii. Taupō AFC - \$1,000.00
- xxviii. 24/7 Youth Work - \$1,000.00
- xxix. Volcanic Dive Squad - \$5,000.00
- xxx. Momentum Charitable Trust - \$4,170.00
- xxxi. Oruanui Pony Club - \$3,500.00
- xxxii. Emma Hampson-Tindale - \$1,200.00
- xxxiii. Rose Prisk - \$1,200.00
- xxxiv. Kian Weston - \$1,200.00
- xxxv. Esme Morgan - \$1,200.00
- xxxvi. The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable Trust - \$500.00
- xxxvii. Central Plateau REAP Charitable Trust - \$5,000.00
- xxxviii. Brain Injury Waikato Inc. - \$1,000.00
- xxxix. Great Lake Taupō Filipino Basketball Incorporated - \$1,600.00
- xl. Taupō Neighbourhood Support - \$5,000.00
- xli. Taupō Pink Walk - \$500.00
- xl. Taupō District Riding Club and Bridleways Inc. - \$4396.00
- xl. Diabetes New Zealand - Declined
- xl. Good Bitches Trust - \$897.00
- xl. International Mum's Group - \$1,000.00
- xlvi. Taupō Phoenix Rugby League Club - \$2,500.00
- xl. SPCA - \$4,913.00
- xl. Micah Wallace - \$1,000.00
- xl. Taupō Lakes and Waterways - \$4,785.00

2. Provides rationale for declined decisions.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTER202504/08 above.

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Nil

The meeting closed at 4.36pm with a karakia by all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taupo / Taupo East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting held on 7 August 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON

July 2025 - Taupō/Taupō East Rural Community Fund

Amount Requested: \$195,209

Amount Available: \$75,000

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
- An 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	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
REF250721233	Active Arts Incorporated Taupo	To purchase plaster and wooden moulds for the pottery studio	Vibrant places and connected communities	Arts, Culture, Ngā Toi	\$4,525	4		
REF250770009	Act2 Visual and Performing Arts School	To support tutoring fees for external pacifica workshops	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Arts, Culture, Ngā Toi	\$5,000	Application ineligible as the applicant is a business		
REF250765784	Age Concern Taupō Inc.	To support wage costs	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Social services and wellbeing	\$5,000	4.75		
REF250755535	Bad Ass Training Limited	To purchase equipment for senior exercise classes and to purchase an AED machine for the studio	Resilient communities working in partnership Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Flourishing environment	Sport	\$5,000	Application ineligible as the applicant is a business		
REF250765463	Centre Stage Taupō Inc	To support the rental of wireless body microphones for an upcoming collaborative project with The Great Lake Big Band	Resilient communities working in partnership	Arts, Culture, Ngā Toi	\$2,291	4.5		

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
REF250733669	Citizens Advice Bureau - Taupō	To support wage costs	Resilient communities working in partnership Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Social services and wellbeing	\$4,560	4.5	The applicant has an outstanding accountability report as of 28/07/2025	
REF250731035	Emma Hampson-Tindale	To fund fights and accommodation to compete in the World Trampoline Championships in Spain	Resilient communities working in partnership	Sport	\$5,000	4.75		
REF250741351	Epilepsy Association of New Zealand	To support operational costs and wages for the lakes educator	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social services and wellbeing	\$2,000	4		
REF250766100	Equestrian Sport New Zealand - National Equestrian Centre Taupō	Operational materials to improve health and safety management of the entire facility	Vibrant places and connected communities	Sports	\$5,000	4.25		
REF250678668	Family & Financial Solutions Trust	To support wage costs for three Certified Financial Mentors, in support of the local community	Resilient communities working in partnership Innovative, thriving economy Vibrant places and connected communities	Social services and wellbeing	\$5,000	4.5		

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
			Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected					
REF250762420	From Raw to Radiant – The Fibre Rescue Project	To support essential equipment and fibre processing services	Resilient communities working in partnership Flourishing environment	Environment	\$3,200	4	Please note: \$200 of this funding request is for retrospective funding (to contribute to an existing piece of equipment) so that portion isn't eligible.	
REF250763082	Garth & Angie London	To support an AED defibrillator at our Whakaipo Lodge location close to Whakaipo Bay	Resilient communities working in partnership Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Social services and wellbeing	\$4,161	4.25	The nearest AED is 15 mins drive which could be highly detrimental to a casualty, so this AED would offer lots of benefits for locals and visitors to the popular area of Taupō. The applicants have stated they will maintain the AED and ensure there is easy access to the machine for anyone who requires it. The applicant is an individual, however the AED is to be placed on a business premises.	
REF250768171	Great Lake Taupo Filipino Basketball Inc	To subsidise the running costs of the basketball tournaments	Vibrant places and connected communities	Sport	\$1,000	3	There is a lack of quotes or supporting documentation	
REF250770620	Heart Kids New Zealand	To support operational costs	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social services and wellbeing	\$5,000	2.75	Little evidence for the benefit to Taupō	

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
REF250770687	Lake Taupō District Sports Advisory Council	To support part time employment for the 2025 Lake Taupo District Sports Awards	Resilient communities working in partnership Vibrant places and connected communities Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Innovative, thriving economy	Sport	\$15,000	4	Please note, applicants are only eligible to receive up to \$5,000. Please note that the applicant is a recipient of the Accelerator fund. Applicants are eligible to receive up to two community funds per financial year.	
REF250771099	Lake Taupō Parkinson's Support Group	To purchase two spin bikes for exercise classes	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social services and wellbeing	\$1,065	5		
REF250761284	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.	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Vibrant places and connected communities Flourishing environment	Arts, Culture, Ngā toi	\$1,329.05	4.75		
REF250723376	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To support salary for educator to deliver the Healthy Harold programme in Taupo schools	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Resilient communities working in partnership	Social services and wellbeing	\$5,000	4.25	This applicant has also applied to Mangakino-Pouakani grant but would like to prioritise this Taupo Taupō East Rural application as it is a larger area.	

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
REF250708165	Lifelink/Samaritans Incorporated	To support operational costs and training for volunteers	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social services and wellbeing	\$4,000	4	It would be beneficial to see some statistics for Taupō	
REF250725383	Momentum Charitable Trust	To support life and financial skills programmes run at the Taupo Probation Centre	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social services and wellbeing	\$4,170	4.25		
REF250748608	Nukis Boxing Gym	To purchase uniforms for new boxers and coaches to be used at competition and events	Resilient communities working in partnership Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Vibrant places and connected communities	Sport	\$3,470	4.75	It has been confirmed that the uniforms are to be retained by the club.	
REF250669827	Pregnancy Help Charitable Trust	To support operational costs	Resilient communities working in partnership Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Vibrant places and connected communities Flourishing Environment	Social services and wellbeing	\$11,200.68	4.75	Please note, applicants are only eligible to receive up to \$5,000.	

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
REF250749206	Rangitaiki Community Association	To assist with the removal and replacement of the two broken soffits and new blinds to protect the new flooring	Resilient communities working in partnership Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Social services and wellbeing	\$4,604	4.5	This applicant has also applied to Mangakino-Pouakani grant but would like to prioritise this Taupo Taupō East Rural application as it is a larger area.	
REF250701211	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.	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social services and wellbeing	\$5,000	3.75	The applicant has been emailed for Taupō specific statistics.	
REF250767897	Rugby 101 Kiwi Warrior	To support sports equipment and marketing materials	Resilient communities working in partnership Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Innovative, thriving economy Flourishing environment	Sport	\$5,000	4		
REF250768105	SPCA Taupō	To provide a further 25 community desexing vouchers for families in Taupō	Flourishing environment	Social services and wellbeing	\$5,300	3.75		

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
			Resilient communities working in partnership					
REF250771165	Tauhara College Arts Department	To support the Tauhara College Arts Showcase	Resilient communities working in partnership Vibrant places and connected communities	Arts, culture Ngā toi	\$4,500	4		
REF250762082	Taupō BMX	To support St John Ambulance services for BMX events	Vibrant places and connected communities	Sport	\$2837.62	4		
REF250717533	Taupō Budget Advisory Service Inc	To support operational costs	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Vibrant places and connected communities Resilient communities working in partnership Flourishing environment	Social services and wellbeing	\$5,000	4.24		
REF250724026	Taupō Disc Golf Club	To purchase 9 new RPM Helix disc golf baskets for Spa Park	Vibrant places and connected communities	Sport	\$5,000	4.75	Permissions have been granted by the parks team	
REF250760401	Taupō Girls Rugby	To support costs for the Taupo Girls	Resilient communities	Sport	\$5,000	4.75		

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
		Rugby team travelling to Hong Kong for a 7s rugby tour.	working in partnership					
REF250765859	Taupō Lakes and Waterways (TLAW)	To support with forum administration costs	<p>Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected</p> <p>Vibrant places and connected communities</p> <p>Resilient communities working in partnership</p> <p>Innovative, thriving economy</p> <p>Flourishing environment</p>	Environment	\$4,785	4	The applicant has an outstanding accountability report as of 28/07/2025	
REF250745250	Taupō Neighbourhood Support	To support with the partial funding of wages for our Area Coordinator	<p>Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected</p> <p>Resilient communities working in partnership</p>	Social services and wellbeing	\$5,000	4.5	The applicant has an outstanding accountability report as of 28/07/2025	
REF250757805	Taupo-nui-a-Tia College	To purchase sports equipment for break time sports hub	<p>Flourishing environment</p> <p>Innovative, thriving economy</p>	Sport	\$1,918.81	4.75		

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
			Resilient communities working in partnership					
REF250678589	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	Innovative, thriving economy Vibrant places and connected communities	Arts, culture, Ngā toi	\$5,000	4.75		
REF250708190	Taupō Timebank	To support a kai kitchen fitout, a community kitchen facility. Stainless steel benches, cooking utensils and equipment	Vibrant places and connected communities Resilient communities working in partnership	Social services and wellbeing	\$4,870	4.5		
REF250756606	Taupō Association Football Club	To purchase team uniforms with new goal keeping jerseys and gloves	Flourishing environment Vibrant places and connected communities	Sport	\$2,811	4.75		
REF250770571	Taupō phoenix rugby league club	To assist in costs associated with celebrating 21 years	Vibrant places and connected communities Resilient communities working in partnership	Sport	\$5,000	4.25	Please note that the food costs listed in the budget are ineligible.	

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
REF250750167	Taupō Rodeo Club Inc	To purchase a generator, sound system and advertising costs for a Taupō Rodeo event	Innovative, thriving economy	Sport	\$4,986	4.25		
REF250721804	Te Rerewai Meihana	To support accommodation, transport and fees to attend Aims games - a National sporting competition	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Sport	\$1,500	4.25		
REF250752125	Tri Sport Taupō Incorporated	To support coaching costs for the junior division of the triathlon club	Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected Vibrant places and connected communities Resilient communities working in partnership	Sport	\$4,800	4.75		
REF250749965	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	Vibrant places and connected communities Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Sport	\$2,000	4.25		

Application Reference No.	Applicant name	Project title	Selected Community Priority	Sector	Amount requested	Application Score (out of 5)*	Assessor comments	Amount Allocated
REF250768326	Wairakei Community Group	Outdoor movie night community event	Resilient communities working in partnership	Social services and wellbeing	\$3,500	4.75	The applicant has an outstanding accountability report as of 28/07/2025	
REF250717936	Youthtown	To support a mentoring program for alternative education participants in collaboration with Lake Local	Resilient communities working in partnership Flourishing environment Vibrant places and connected communities Tangata whenua are acknowledged and respected	Social services and wellbeing	\$4,825	4.5		



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.

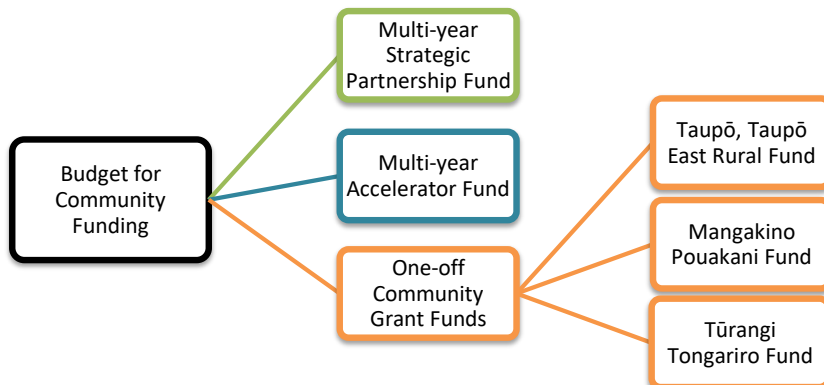
Background

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?

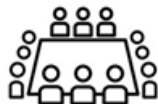


1. Strategic Partnership Fund

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:

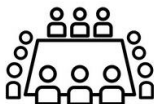
- Sport Waikato (\$50k excl GST per annum)
- Creative Taupō (\$50k excl GST per annum)
- Greening Taupō (\$60k excl GST per annum)
- Waioara Community Trust (\$70k excl GST per annum)
- Bike Taupō (\$70k excl GST per annum)

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.

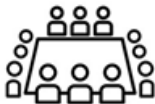


For the July 2024 – June 2027 period, Council is supporting the below organisations:

- 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.	Taupō and Taupō East Rural 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.
\$40,000 excl GST available for the Mangakino Pouakani Fund annually.	Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group allocate funds twice per year.	A maximum of \$5,000 excl GST may be allocated to an applicant each funding round.
\$50,000 excl GST available for the Tūrangi Tongariro Fund annually.	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.

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)?	