



Application Guidance Notes

Local funding to help local mahi grow

Taranaki Annual Funding Round 2026

Applications open from 1 September and close 30 September

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, Taranaki Foundation runs one contestable funding round each year to support local charities, voluntary organisations and community groups creating long-term impact across our region.

From tackling isolation and supporting health and wellbeing, to addressing food insecurity, strengthening opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi, supporting whānau and helping older people, these modest grants enable meaningful local mahi that makes a positive difference.

You only need to apply once. Your application will automatically be considered for:

- [Taranaki Foundation Annual Funding](#)
- [The Tindall Foundation Funding for Taranaki](#)

Our Distribution Committee carefully reviews all applications and may request additional information, particularly from first-time applicants.

Grants will be distributed by the end of November.

How to Apply

All applications must be submitted through our Funding Portal.

You only need to submit one application. We'll match it to the most suitable funding available.

- New to the portal? Register with your email and create a password. On the 'Log in to Your Account' click 'Not a member?' at the bottom right and follow the prompts.
- Returning applicant? Log in using your existing details.
- Forgot your password? Contact us and we'll help reset it.
- You can save your application and return to it later. Just log in, go to 'My applications', and continue where you left off.

Before you begin make sure you have:

- A clear description of your project and a detailed breakdown of costs.
- Your Charity Services or Incorporated Society Number (if applicable).
- Your organisation's bank account number and proof of account (eg deposit slip or screenshot).

Please note:

- Grants do not include GST.
- If you received funding in our 2025 round, you must submit your Grant Accountability Report before applying for 2026.

Need Help?

We're here to make the process as simple and supportive as possible. If you're unsure or need guidance at any stage, please reach out.

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taranakifoundation.org.nz/apply-for-funding/

What We're Looking For

We're interested in your story, your purpose, and your why.

Impact is about people and community, not just the numbers. While we would love to support every worthy project, our funds are limited. We encourage you to apply if your kaupapa closely aligns with our priorities and where a small grant can help make a meaningful local impact.

Who can apply for Funding?

Taranaki Foundation considers funding for charities and community groups making a meaningful impact to our local community and can include operational costs such as programme costs, project costs, wages or rent.

Applications must:

- Have a charitable purpose
- Be based in Taranaki or deliver meaningful services within the region
- Come from the entity that will govern and/or manage the activity
- Be limited to one per organisation

Taranaki Foundation does not fund:

- Religious or political advocacy
- Fundraising or re-gifting activities
- Core education
- Individuals (except for scholarships)
- Activities outside the Taranaki Region (unless donor directed)
- Retrospective expenses

Our Funding Priorities

Every fund established with Taranaki Foundation reflects the generosity and intentions of our donors. Our Distribution Committee carefully considers applications, balancing community need, available funding and the alignment with donor wishes.

Typical grants range from \$500 to \$5000, with the average grant last year being \$3,500. Some donor-directed funds have specific areas of focus or different grant sizes.

To see examples of organisations previously supported, view our latest [Impact Report](#)

For 2026, approximately \$270,000* in contestable funding is available across the following areas, including Taranaki Foundation funding and The Tindall Foundation donations:

Area	Available	Focus
Stronger Communities	\$60,000	Supporting local organisations providing practical help and essential services that strengthen community wellbeing.
Children, Youth & Family	\$55,000	Helping children, young people and whānau thrive through equitable access to essential needs, stronger communities and opportunities to flourish.
Aged Support	\$3,000	Positive outcomes for older people
Environment	\$3,000	Projects or initiatives that protect and restore our natural environment.
Health & Wellness	\$30,000	Supporting Taranaki-based organisations delivering practical, community-led mahi that improves health and wellbeing.
South Taranaki	\$90,000	Resilience, inclusion, youth, connection and local initiatives that respond to community needs across South Taranaki.
Recreation & Sport	\$29,000	Projects that encourage participation, inclusion, and community connection.

*Funding amounts are indicative and may be adjusted based on applications received and donor directions.

Additionally:

Scholarship Assistance (current opportunities are listed on our website)



The Tindall Foundation Donations

Taranaki Foundation is proud to act as a Local Donation Manager for The Tindall Foundation (TTF), connecting their generosity with community-led initiatives across Taranaki.

Each year, we receive an allocation of funds (approximately \$46,000) to distribute locally as part of our annual funding round in line with TTF's giving approach and focus areas, supporting Intergenerational Wellbeing for Aotearoa. TTF donations generally range from \$500 to \$10,000.

Applications are accepted on an annual basis and organisations may reapply in consecutive years. However, funding is not generally available for more than three years in a row.

The Tindall Foundation Funding Priorities

This funding supports community-led initiatives that promote equity for tamariki/children, rangatahi/young people and whānau/families, including:

- Strong starts for tamariki – supporting parents, caregivers and young children
- Access to life's essentials – improving access to safe housing, nourishing food and reliable energy
- Identity and belonging – strengthening cultural identity, inclusion and social connection
- Rangatahi pathways – enabling young people to lead empowered, self-determined lives
- Resilient communities – supporting locally-led solutions and long-term community wellbeing

The Tindall Foundation is unable to support the following:

- Core public health or education services
- Sport, recreation, arts or overseas initiatives
- Overseas travel expenses, or exchange programmes
- Buildings, land, capital assets or equipment costing over \$3,000
- Animal charities, individuals, religious or political causes

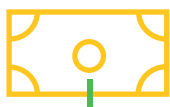
For more information, read The Tindall Foundation's current focus areas [here](#)

Please ensure you have read through what they do not fund and their donation requirements [here](#)

Together, we are building reliable long-term funding streams to support our community forever

Taranaki Foundation understands that building healthy, vibrant communities requires long-term, sustainable support and resources. That's why we invest and grow the gifts we receive, however big or small, to create positive change in our region — both now and for generations to come.

Your donation



is invested and grows over time to help



our region



and our community



"Aotearoa is a stunning place filled with wonderful people and vibrant communities, yet there is still much more we can do to be an inclusive and equitable society, and to help reduce growing social division."

**Stephen and Margaret Tindall,
Founders - The Tindall Foundation**