

# FUNDING OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS 2024/25

## Available Grants and Funds

*Disclaimer: While all care is taken to ensure information in this document is correct, please check the relevant funders to ensure you have all current information and dates for each fund.*

### CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL - [www.ccc.govt.nz](http://www.ccc.govt.nz)

- **Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF)**
  - For NGOs, divided into Metropolitan and Community Board funds
  - Opens early March and closes mid-April.
  - Applicants notified of decision by early September.
- **Discretionary Response Fund (DRF)**
  - For NGOs, divided into Metropolitan and Community Board funds
  - Open year round and closes when funds are expended.
  - Funding period is for 12 months after date of grant
- **Creative Communities**
  - Provides funding for local arts activities. Supports a wide range of projects and different art forms.
  - Round Two opens mid-January and closes late February each year.
  - Round One opens July and closes September each year.
- **Community Organisation Loans Scheme**
  - Capital funding only
- **Events and Festivals Sponsorship Fund**
  - Provides sponsorship and support for larger metropolitan events that enhance regional and local Christchurch as a place to live and visit and to strengthen the distinctive lifestyle, qualities, and identity of Christchurch.
  - One funding round per year- applications open February/March, with final decisions made in June for events taking place 1 July to 30 June financial year.
  - The minimum amount granted through this fund is \$5,000. There is no maximum amount an event organiser can apply for; however, it is the Council's preference to provide sponsorship support in conjunction with other funding providers.
  - Past recipients include Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park, Diwali, Christchurch Holi Festival, Christchurch Marathon
- **Events Seeding Fund**
  - A small sponsorship fund designed to provide one-off support towards the establishment of new events being hosted in the city, or to support significant directional changes to existing events.
  - Applications can be received at any time throughout the year until the fund is exhausted. The financial year for this fund runs from 1 July to 30 June.
  - Previous recipients include Two Minds Festival, Electric Avenue, Off Centre Festival
- **Small Sports Events Fund**
  - The fund provides opportunities to National and South Island sporting events.
  - The fund is open to sports associations, clubs or event managers who may make more than one application per funding round as long as each application is for a separate event.
  - One funding round per year- applications open April, with final decisions made in June for events taking place 1 July to 30 June financial year.

## **GIVEALITTLE** - [www.givealittle.co.nz](http://www.givealittle.co.nz)

This website is for crowdfunding of projects. 100% of donations go directly to the charity.

## **SPORT NEW ZEALAND** - [www.sportnz.org.nz](http://www.sportnz.org.nz)

This website contains a directory of potential sport and recreation funding sources.

## **CREATIVE NEW ZEALAND** - [www.creativenz.govt.nz](http://www.creativenz.govt.nz)

Creative NZ is the national arts development agency. They have a number of different arts grants available to help New Zealand artists and arts organisations.

## **THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS** [www.communitymatters.govt.nz](http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz)

- [The Community Organisation Grants Scheme \(COGS\)](#) provides grants to non-profit organisations delivering community-based social services that contribute to achieving locally-determined outcomes.
- [Lottery Community Grants](#) are available for not-for-profit organisations with a community or social service focus for ongoing operating costs or projects which help improve the quality of people's lives in their communities. There are two funding rounds for Lottery Community each year.
- The Department of Internal Affairs manages a variety of other specialist funds and fellowships. More information can be found on their [website](#).

## **RÄTÄ FOUNDATION** - [www.ratafoundation.org.nz](http://www.ratafoundation.org.nz)

- The Foundation distributes funds in line with their purpose of being a catalyst for building of strong, connected, healthy, happy and prosperous communities with the focus on four key funding areas of: Learn, Support, Connect, Participate and sustain.
- **Small Grants Programme**
  - Requests for \$20,000 or less
  - Open year round
  - Only allowed to apply once a year
  - Average decision time is ten weeks after application
- **Large Grants Programme**
  - Requests over \$20,000
  - Open year round
  - Only allowed to apply once a year
  - Average decision time is four months after application
- **Building Projects**
  - Applications over \$100,000 required to submit an Expression of Interest by 1 June.

## **NGÄI TAHU FUND** - <http://ngaitahu.iwi.nz>

- Once a year tribal members and groups of members can apply for funding for projects designed to meet specific cultural objectives, including building cultural knowledge, encouraging cultural practices and leadership. Applications open 1 July and close 30 September 2021.

## **WAYNE FRANCIS CHARITABLE TRUST** - [www.wfct.org.nz](http://www.wfct.org.nz)

- This philanthropic family organisation is primarily focused on young people aged 0 to 25 and cancer research in the Christchurch area.

## **SARGOOD BEQUEST** - [www.sargoodbequest.org.nz](http://www.sargoodbequest.org.nz)

- The trust makes grants to projects and activities in the areas of children and youth, cultural, sports and outdoors, education and environment with a focus on access, participation and inspiration. The fund closes on 31 December annually and has an upper limit of \$5,000. Grants are paid out in May each year.

## **THE JR MCKENZIE TRUST** - [www.jrmckenzie.org.nz](http://www.jrmckenzie.org.nz)

- A philanthropic trust which provides grants to community organisations throughout New Zealand. Their main focus areas are Māori development and disadvantaged children and their families. Applications with a focus on other especially marginalised groups may also be considered.

## **THE LION FOUNDATION** - [www.lionfoundation.org.nz](http://www.lionfoundation.org.nz)

- The Lion Foundation is a gaming trust. Funding is shared between the areas of community which includes sport (40%), community, arts and culture (30%), health (15%), and education (15%). The Lion Foundation receives applications year round and the grants committee meets monthly with the exception of January. One application a year.

**Information about other Gaming Machine Trusts can be found at [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz)**

## **THE NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY TRUST** – [www.nzct.org.nz](http://www.nzct.org.nz)

- NZCT is a gaming trust, its main focus is to provide funds for amateur sport. Around 80% of their grants are for sporting purposes. They also support other causes such as rescue and lifesaving services, education, health, the arts, cultural and community groups.

## **THE TINDALL FOUNDATION** - [www.tindall.org.nz](http://www.tindall.org.nz)

- The Tindall Foundation is a private family foundation that gives to organisations and communities throughout New Zealand by way of donations, training, capacity building and research, and by partnering with others.

## **WEAVE (FORMERLY THE WORKING TOGETHER MORE FUND)** - [www.workingtogether.org.nz](http://www.workingtogether.org.nz)

- Funding ranges from small, discretionary donations through to larger long-term grant.
- Proactive Relationship Based Funder – we will be actively looking for opportunities to collaborate and partner with our communities via our collaboration hub and environmental scanning.
- On-going partnership support is available through training, resources and mentors.

## **TECHSOUP** - [www.techsoup.net.nz](http://www.techsoup.net.nz)

- This organisation provides donated and discounted computers, software, products and services from companies such as Microsoft, Symantec and SAP to eligible not-for-profit organisations in New Zealand.

## **SUPERVALUE COMMUNITY CASH FUND** – [www.supervalue.co.nz](http://www.supervalue.co.nz)

- Aims to give away \$200 grant from each of its stores monthly. Applications picked up and dropped off in store or download from their website.

## **FONTERRA GRASS ROOTS FUND**

- The fund is open for a wide range of community projects with grants between \$500 and \$5000. Initiative or activities should bring communities together, care for our environment, and make communities safer.

## **THE MAINLAND FOUNDATION** – [www.mainlandfoundation.co.nz](http://www.mainlandfoundation.co.nz)

- The Mainland Foundation is a gaming machine trust that accepts applications for a wide range of community projects. The Committee generally meets twice a month to consider applications.

## **AIR RESCUE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** – [www.airrescueservices.co.nz](http://www.airrescueservices.co.nz)

- Their primary funding objective is to support rescue helicopter services in Canterbury, West Coast, Otago and Marlborough. However grants are also made to community groups and other not-for-profit organisations.

## **GOOD IN THE HOOD**

- Every year Z petrol stations give away \$5,000 each to groups in their local neighbourhood. Allocation is through a voting system at Z stations. Applications to be a nominated group open in February and voting closes in May. Check their Facebook page for 2021 dates.

## **TE ROUROU, ONE AOTEAROA FOUNDATION (FORMERLY VODAFONE NEW ZEALAND FOUNDATION) – [www.terourou.one.nz](http://www.terourou.one.nz)**

- The Vodafone Foundation supports innovative youth-sector initiatives through a range of funding options. They focus on building close relationships with their grant recipients and supporting long-term projects that will benefit young people well beyond the initial funding period.

## **MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – [www.myd.govt.nz](http://www.myd.govt.nz)**

- **Youth Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Funding** supports strengths-based enterprise education and skills development initiatives that help prepare young people for the future work environment.
- Visit their website for other funding options

## **CHRISTCHURCH AIRPORT COMMUNITY FUND – [www.christchurchairport.co.nz](http://www.christchurchairport.co.nz)**

- Christchurch Airport accepts applications for donations to charitable causes and/or sponsorship of community group activities or projects. Requests for such donations and sponsorships are made throughout the year. Projects must demonstrate the direct benefit for community members.