

# COMMUNITY FUNDING

*Our District offers a high quality of life for all residents*

## **Council provides funding for:**

- Creative initiatives, projects and events which celebrate our district and highlights its special character, and
- Representatives of sporting, cultural or artistic pursuits (individuals and teams).



**July 2022 - June 2023**

Council thinks about community well-being in terms of Te Whare Tapa Whā, a model of health developed by Mason H. Durie (Ngāti Kauwhata). The four tapa (walls) symbolise different aspects of personal and community well-being – when each tapa is strong, our community is strong.

When Council is considering requests for community funding, it thinks about how the request aligns with Te Whare Tapa Whā.



## COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR 2021–2031

A place to belong and grow  
He kāinga e ora pai ai te katoa

A future planned together  
He kāinga ka whakamaherea  
tahitia tōna anamata e te  
hapori tonu

An environment to be proud of  
He kāinga ka rauhitia tōna taiao

Infrastructure fit for future  
He kāinga ka tūwhena tonu  
ōna pūnahahanga, haere ake  
nei te wā

A prosperous, resilient economy  
He kāinga ka tōnui tōna ōhanga

Value for money and  
excellence in local government  
He kāinga ka eke tōna  
kāwanatanga ā-rohe ki ngā  
taumata o te kairangi

## WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

### Council Funds available for community initiatives



#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Available to any community group or individual within the Manawatū District. Any one off project/service which contributes to Te Whare Tapa Whā will be considered.

**Annual amount available:** \$20,000

**Application closing dates:** 30 June / 30 November



#### EVENT FUND

The Event Fund supports events or festivals that are primary of benefit to Manawatū District residents and directly contribute to the Community Development Strategy's vision of "Our District offers a high quality of life for all residents".

**Annual amount available:** \$40,000

**Application closing dates:** 30 March / 30 June / 30 September



### PRIORITY SERVICES FUND

Available to not-for-profit community organisations within the Manawatū District to support grassroots initiatives that align well and deliver on the outcomes and goals contained within Council's Community Development Strategy.

**Annual amount available:** Variable

**Application closing dates:** 30 April up to a 3 year contract.

Contact Janine Hawthorn for more information.



### REPRESENTATIVE FUND

For Manawatū District residents who have been selected to represent the district, region or NZ in arts, sport or culture.

**Annual amount available:** \$20,000

**Application closing dates:** No closing date

## Funds distributed by Council on behalf of others



### CREATIVE COMMUNITIES FUND

Creative New Zealand (Arts Council of NZ Toi Aotearoa) provides annual funding to local councils in NZ for distribution in their area. MDC distributes a total of \$33,000 per year in the Manawatū community.

**Annual amount available:** \$33,000

**Application closing dates:** 31 March / 31 August



### THE HOOK BEQUEST

Available for

- residents of Feilding who are in financial need
- charitable purposes in Feilding.

**Annual amount available:** Variable

**Application closing dates:** Applications are currently closed for this grant and will be opened again once funding becomes available.



### ROBERT DICKSON EDUCATION TRUST

This trust provides financial assistance with costs related to the education, extracurricular activities or personal growth of children of single parents who are in financial need. Open to residents of Manawatū. Applications must be endorsed by a social services organisation.

**Annual amount available:** Variable

**Application closing dates:** Applications may be made at any time

## Council Funds available for Community Committees

Manawatū District has 16 Community Committees who partner with Council on behalf of their local community. Most Committees have developed a Community Plan, outlining local projects and priorities for the coming years. Because of their unique role, Council has allocated specific funding to Community Committees for projects and initiatives that will further their goals for their community.



### COMMUNITY COMMITTEE PROJECT FUND

Allocated to Community Committees for small-scale projects that will benefit their community. The initiative may be related to their Community Plan, but this is not a requirement.

**\$3,000 per Community Committee per year**



### COMMUNITY PLANNING FUND

This fund is contestable for Community Committees. They may seek funding for a contribution towards the projects contained in their Community Plans.

**\$60,000 total available to be distributed amongst qualifying Community Committee applications**



For the most up-to-date information on community funding information, visit [www.mdc.govt.nz](http://www.mdc.govt.nz) and click on **'About Council'** then **'Community Funding'**, or contact Janine on (06) 323 0000 or [janine.hawthorn@mdc.govt.nz](mailto:janine.hawthorn@mdc.govt.nz)

## Rates Remissions for Charitable Organisations

Rates remissions are available to charitable organisations who are seeking rates relief. For more information visit [www.mdc.govt.nz](http://www.mdc.govt.nz) and click on **'About Council'** then **'Community Funding'** then **'Rates Remissions for Charitable Organisations'**.

# OTHER FUNDING REQUESTS—PLANNING AHEAD

## What if your request doesn't fit the criteria for the funds described here?

Council considers one-off requests for funding from community groups or Community Committees for initiatives that align with Council's priorities and Te Whare Tapa Whā but don't meet the criteria of the other funds outlined in this booklet. These requests need to be made as part of Council's annual budgeting process.

Council prepares its draft budget for the financial year (July-June) from October to December of the previous year. This means we need your funding request by late September for it to be considered by Council for its next annual budget.

**DEADLINE FOR REQUESTS: 5PM, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

(Note: this doesn't apply to applications to any of the Community Funds listed in this brochure. They have their own deadlines).

## HAVE YOU DISCUSSED YOUR COMMUNITY PROJECT IDEA WITH YOUR COMMUNITY COMMITTEE?

There are 16 Community Committees in the Manawatū District, most of whom have developed a Community Plan for the future of their local community. Each Community Committee liaises with Council about the implementation of their plan and Council has set aside funding specifically for this purpose. Contact your local Community Committee Chair to see if you can work with them on your initiative. To find out more visit Council's website [www.mdc.govt.nz](http://www.mdc.govt.nz) and click on 'About Council' then 'Committees & Organisations' then 'Community Committees & Plans'.

**The earlier you discuss your ideas with us the better**

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## FUNDING FAQS

My school sports team has qualified for the nationals but it will cost a lot and we'd like to subsidise each player through fundraising. Should we apply?

Yes! You may be eligible for assistance through the Representative Fund.

Our local committee would like to organise a mural to brighten up a blank wall in town.

It sounds like your project might meet the criteria for both the Creative Communities Fund and the Community Development Fund.

I have been selected to represent our district in the NZ Youth Choir. Would I be eligible for the Representative Fund?

It's definitely worth checking out the eligibility criteria online.

We want to organise a summer local music festival in the town centre. Would Council come to the party?

We would certainly consider it! Apply to the Events Fund, the Community Development Fund or the Creative Communities Fund (or all three!)

The Gardening Club would like to start a community garden. We have committed volunteers but we need a few hundred dollars to buy some compost, seedlings and seeds, netting and other bits and pieces. Which fund should we apply to?

The Community Development Fund would be your best bet.

## PREVIOUS FUNDING RECIPIENTS

Have a read of the following six examples of groups and individuals who have received funding from Council's various funds. The examples show the different ways Council funding can be applied for and put to use.



### MANAWATŪ COMMUNITY TRUST

was granted \$20,000 to do a comprehensive needs assessment that focuses on the requirements of our future senior citizens.

Photo source: <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/healthcare>



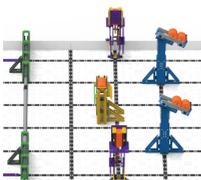
### COLYTON SCHOOL JUMP JAM TEAM

was granted \$1,500 to compete at the National Jump Jam Competitions held on line in November 2021.



### SIAN ROWDEN-PYZER

was granted \$1,000 to compete at the National Basketball tournament as a member of the Manawatū U17 Girls Basketball Team held in Dunedin as well as compete at Netball New Zealand's national tournament as a member of the Manawatū U16A Girls' Netball Team held in New Plymouth.



### KIWIBOTS

was granted \$5,000 towards the cost of holding the VEX IQ Challenge National Championships held in Palmerston North in January 2022.

Photo source: <https://www.vexrobotics.com/iq/competition/viqc-current-game>



### WHĀNAU ĀTAAHUA BEAUTIFUL FAMILIES TRUST

was granted \$10,600 towards the cost of holding the annual Matariki Celebrations held in Feilding in June 2022.



### VICTIM SUPPORT

was granted \$3,000 towards the Manawatū Volunteer Support Worker Programme.



**To find out more:**

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