



Applying for the Community Climate Action Fund



**WHANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

What it's all about

Whanganui District Council's Community Climate Action Fund provides seed-funding for not-for-profit climate activities in the Whanganui district. The fund aims to support activities that reduce Whanganui's greenhouse gas emissions or grow our resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Key dates

3 JULY 2023

Fund launched and applications open

18 AUGUST 2023

Applications close

LATE AUGUST 2023

Applications reviewed

SEPTEMBER 2023

Applicants notified of outcome



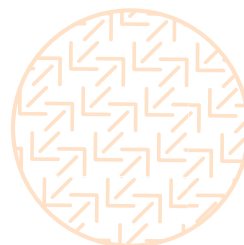
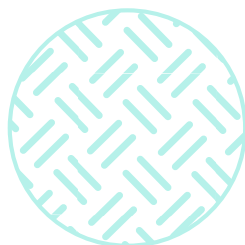
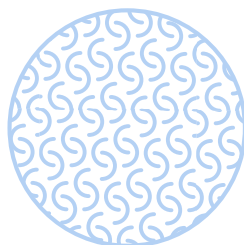
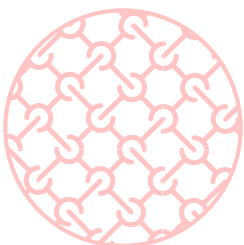
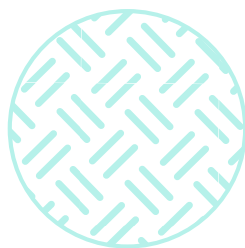
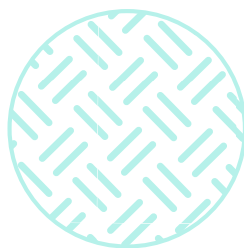
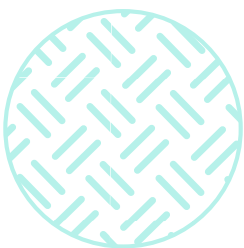
Funding you can apply for

**Groups can apply for up to
\$20,000 each year.**

Only one application will be accepted from a group or organisation each year.
The total value of funding available each financial year is \$100,000.

Other funding you will need to have in place

The Community Climate Action Fund can be used for up to 50% of your total proposal cost. In your application, you will need to either show you have 50% of the funding available or identify a funding partner or partners (and include proof of this third party funding). Your contribution to 50% of the costs may include some in-kind funding (where goods or services other than money are contributed).



Guidance on proposals

Whanganui District Council welcomes innovative proposals that will reduce Whanganui's greenhouse gas emissions or build our resilience to climate change.

This includes proposals that:

- increase the uptake of active transport, such as walking and cycling
- encourage the efficient use of resources, such as energy, water, waste and materials
- increase the uptake of renewable energy
- support a regenerative food system and farming practices that reduce emissions and/or increase resilience
- enhance ecosystem resilience and nature-based, green infrastructure solutions
- sequester carbon, such as forest or wetland restoration
- help us better understand, prepare for, or respond to the environmental, social, cultural or economic impacts of climate change.

Types of activities we fund

The Community Climate Action Fund can be used for:

- events
- project or programme costs
- resources, equipment and materials
- salaries and wages.

Types of activities we can't fund

The Community Climate Action Fund can't be used for:

- debt servicing or repayment
- operational or administrative costs for an organisation or group
- legal and medical expenses
- activities promoting religious ministry or political purposes and causes
- activities intended to generate profit
- public services that are the responsibility of central government (such as core education or primary health care)
- physical works (such as improving community buildings) where consents or permits are required but have not yet been obtained (grants may be awarded in principle but funds will not be released until all conditions are satisfied).



Who can apply

- Community organisations, Iwi or Hapū groups, schools, early childhood centres, social enterprises and not-for-profit businesses.
- Applicants must either be a legal entity registered in New Zealand – such as an incorporated society, charitable trust or limited liability company – or an organisation or group without legal entity status that has partnered with an organisation that has legal entity status.
- Applications led by government organisations will not be considered. However, groups or organisations partnering with government organisations is acceptable.

How funding decisions are made

Whanganui District Council's waste and sustainability advisory group will allocate funding.

The amount allocated will depend on the number of applications received.



Preference will be given to Whanganui-based organisations and projects must take place within the Whanganui district.

The group will use the following criteria to evaluate applications:

Criteria

Key questions to consider



Support for the district to reduce emissions or build resilience to climate change

How will the project:

- support the district to reduce its carbon emissions? Is evidence of estimated emissions reductions provided?
- empower everyone in our community to play their part in addressing climate change?
- build the resilience of communities and our environment to the impacts of climate change?



Benefits of the project

What is the issue or opportunity addressed by the project?

- Who will benefit from the project?
- Are benefits ongoing? If so, for how long?
- Could benefits be replicated in the future?
- What level of community engagement is expected?
- Will the project support Whānau, Hapū or Iwi efforts on climate action?



How ready the project is to deliver

Are the resources (including any additional financial requirements), skills, experience and support available to successfully deliver the project?

Can the project be completed in two years or by clearly defined milestones?

When will the project be ready to start?



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Measures of success and risk analysis

- What will be the measurable, tangible outcomes achieved by the project?
- How will the project measure success and share learning?
- Is the method of project delivery effective?
- Are there any risks associated with the project?



Funding options

- Are alternative funding streams available (including central government grants or other council or regional funds)?
- What other sources of funding is the applicant relying on?
- Is proof provided?

Reporting requirements

Successful applicants will need to submit a report no more than one year after receiving funding.

The report will need to cover:

- a description of the project and how the funding was used
- whether the project went ahead as planned
- an outline of the positive impacts of the project
- information on the level of community engagement
- a summary of how successful the project was
- a description of any barriers or difficulties
- a reflection on what you would do differently next time
- lessons learnt.



Talk to us for more information

Email Whanganui District Council's climate change advisor, Caroline Arrowsmith,
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or call 06 349 3234 to discuss your application.

