

# WELCOMING ACTIVITIES GRANT

## OVERVIEW

The Whanganui Welcoming Activities fund supports initiatives that help to make Whanganui more welcoming for newcomers.

Groups can apply for up to \$1,000 in financial support for activities that enhance newcomer experiences in Whanganui, such as improving access to information and services, celebrating culture, and supporting civic and economic opportunities.

Successful activities will align with the Whanganui Welcoming Communities vision, and at least one of the eight outcomes of the Welcoming Communities' Standard for New Zealand.

## VISION

All newcomers to Whanganui feel welcome and have a sense of belonging, enabling them to thrive in and contribute to the Whanganui community.

## OUTCOMES



### 1. Inclusive Leadership

Local government, tangata whenua and other community leader's work together to create, advocate for and continue to foster a welcoming and inclusive community. They lead a shared plan to increase connections between newcomers and existing residents.



### 2. Welcoming Communications

People of all cultures and backgrounds feel included, listened to and well informed through a range of ways that take into account their different communication needs.



### 3. Equitable Access

Opportunities to access services and activities and to participate in the community are available to all, including newcomers.



### 4. Connected and Inclusive Communities

People feel safe in their identity and that they are connected with and belong in the community. There are high levels of trust and understanding between members of the receiving community and newcomers.



### 5. Economic Development, Business and Employment

Communities maximise and harness the economic development opportunities that newcomers can offer.



### 6. Civic Engagement and Participation

Newcomers feel welcome to fully participate in the community. Newcomers are active in all forms of civic participation.



### 7. Welcoming Public Spaces

Newcomers and receiving communities feel welcome in and comfortable using public spaces.



### 8. Culture and Identity

There is a shared sense of pride in being part of a culturally rich and vibrant community. People feel their culture is respected and valued by other members of the community. There are opportunities to learn about each other's cultures.

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### WHO CAN APPLY

Groups, organisations and entities, whose projects, events, or initiatives clearly benefit newcomers to Whanganui.

Activities can involve multiple groups or individuals.

Applicants can only make one application every 12 months, and must live within the Whanganui District.

### WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN BE FUNDED

Applications are invited for activities that will have positive impacts for newcomers to Whanganui.

Activities with ongoing impacts should be able to show impacts starting within one year of receiving funding.

Types of activities the funding *can* be used for:

- Events
- Project / programme costs
- Resources, equipment, materials

Types of activities the funding *cannot* be used for:

- Organisation / group operational or administrative costs
- Salaries or wages
- Activities that intend to generate profit
- The promotion of commercial, political or religious objectives

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be received throughout the year and will be assessed in the nearest upcoming assessment round.

We encourage applicants to apply at least two months before the start of an activity.

To ensure this fund is accessible, applications can be made via the following ways:

- **Online application form** at [www.whanganui.govt.nz/welcoming-activities-grant](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/welcoming-activities-grant)
- **Hardcopy application form** - Download form or contact Community Wellbeing Team
- **In-person application** - Contact Community Wellbeing Team to arrange a time.

### ASSESSMENT ROUNDS

There are four assessment rounds per year. Applications can be received throughout the year and will be assessed in the nearest upcoming assessment round.

Assessment round closing dates are:

- 30 November
- 28/29 February
- 31 May
- 31 August

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Decisions on any applications will be issued two weeks following the end of each assessment round.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the council's decision.

For payment purposes, applicants will need to be linked with a group or organisation with a bank account or established as a legal entity. This may be in the form of a nominated 'umbrella organisation' to oversee the grant on their behalf.

## CONTACT

For further information and help with your application, contact:

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