

Grant Funding Sources Overview

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Funder's Name	Fund's Name	Organisations/ Groups	Individuals	Purpose	Time frame	\$\$\$
Pelorus Trust Lion Foundation, Grassroots Central Trust, Four Winds Foundation, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, Pub Charity, Air Rescue Services, and NZCT.	Gaming Societies currently distributing funds in Taranaki - this changes regularly so check with funder!	Y	N	Strong sporting focus, but also educational and charitable work with community benefit. They usually don't pay for overheads, apart from rent. Some pay for front-line staff, but not for admin staff.	Monthly deadlines	Not specified. Granting history can be found here: WWW.Granted. GOVT.NZ
Taranaki Foundation	Annual Grant	Y	N	For charitable purposes that benefit Taranaki.	Opens annually in August	\$500 to \$5,000
Taranaki Electricity Trust (TET) – Small grants	General Grants	Y	Y	TET has a number of funds but the general grants is open to individuals (funders specific circumstances only) and organisations that deliver charitable purposes in the TET wards.	20 th of each month	Under \$100,000

Taranaki Electricity Trust (TET) – Large grants	General Grants	Y	N	Large project - including capital works - in the TET area only.	20 th of August each year	Over \$100,000
TOI Foundation	Programmes and Events Grant	Y Not-for-profit organisations incl. Incorporated Societies, Charitable Trusts, schools and non-constituted groups with a formal structure.	N	To build a thriving, inclusive and equitable Taranaki.	Quarterly deadlines. Annual grants permitted per organisation. Next deadline: August 2026	Up to \$100,000 for organisations with region wide impact.
TOI Foundation	Annual Grant	Y	N	To support with the operational costs of charitable and not-for-profit organisations.	Once per TOI Foundation's financial year (1 April-31 March)	From \$500 (the funder decides on the amount)

TOI Foundation	Capital Grant	Y	N	To help with the cost of items or assets, which are instrumental to achieving the organisation's charitable outcomes. This may be a computer or a new roof.	Once every 24 months	Usually up to \$100,000 for organisations with region wide impact.
NPDC	Community and Events Grant	Y	Y	Grass-roots community events; Supporting vibrancy and establishment of new annual events; Accessible.	Annually. Not open at present - check with funder.	Not specified by the funder. Check list of previous recipients fyi.
NPDC	Creative Communities Scheme (CCS)	Y	Y	Criteria: Broad community involvement; Diversity; Young people.	Two deadlines per year. Next: 18 Oct 2026.	Grants average between: \$500-\$2,500
NPDC	Community Services and Programmes Grant	Y (only for not-for profit or charitable organisations)	N	Unmet community needs; Capacity and sustainability; Benefits for the community and promote public good.	Annually. Not open at present - check with funder.	\$6,000 to \$30,000..

NPDC	Built, Cultural Heritage Protection Fund and Natural Heritage Protection Fund	Y	Y	Help landowners manage, maintain and preserve the heritage values of their properties.	Annually. Currently closed.	Amounts vary each financial year. Contact the funder.
NPDC	Whanake Grant	Y	N	The Whanake Grant aims to support community groups and organisations who deliver activities, programmes or services that contribute to identified outcomes and aspirations valued by whānau, hapū and iwi.	Annually. Usually in June or July.	To apply please contact the council. Email: grants@npdc.govt.nz. Telephone: 06-759 6060
NPDC	Planting Your Place	Y	Y	Annually \$30,000 available to plant native trees.	29 June 2026	Max of \$5,000 excl GST
Stratford Council	Waste Levy Fund	Y	Y	For projects that avoid, reduce, recycle, recover, or reuse waste in the Stratford district.	Not stated. Contact funder,	Total funds available: \$25,000
Stratford Council	Creative Communities Scheme (CCS)	Y	Y	Projects that get funding must either increase participation in the local	Two deadlines per year.	Amounts available vary. Grants average

				arts; increase the range and diversity of the arts available to the Stratford community; and enhance and strengthen the local arts sector.	Next option: 14 Aug 2026.	between: \$500-\$2,000
Stratford Council	Mayoral Relief Fund	Y	Y	One off assistance for individuals, families and community organisations.	Ongoing	At the mayor's discretion.
Stratford Council	Elizabeth Watson Estate Fund	N	Y	Stratford residents aged 65+ in need of financial assistance.	Ongoing	At the mayor's discretion.
Stratford and South Taranaki Councils	Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund	Y	N	For rural sports clubs with members aged 5 to 18, requiring financial assistance to travel to sporting competitions and events.	Two rounds per year: April and October	Usually between \$350 - \$2,500
South Taranaki Council	Community Initiatives Fund	Y	N	Support community activities/facilities. Positive contribution to the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the local community.	Annual. Approx July-August.	Last round: \$2,000-\$35,000

South Taranaki Council	Creative Communities Scheme (CCS)	Y	Y	Priorities: Mana Tangata Social Wellbeing Mana Mauri Cultural Wellbeing	Two deadlines per year. Next one: 11 Sept 2026	Grants average between: \$500-\$2,000
South Taranaki Council	Natural Environments Fund	Y	Y	To assist with the protection, enhancement, or restoration of identified Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) and non-SNAs. Plus protection of indigenous vegetation.	August – September 2025	\$5,000 to \$30,000
South Taranaki Council	Community Board Local Discretionary Fund	Y	Y	Boards: Eltham-Kaponga; Pātea; Coastal; Te Hāwera. Focus: Recreation, sport, entertainment, arts culture, and community benefit.	Not stated	Not stated

Manatū Taonga / Ministry for culture and heritage	Ngā Kōrero Tuku Iho, New Zealand Oral History Grants	Y	Y	Grants for community-led projects reflecting diverse identities and perspectives. Grants are given as a contribution towards the cost of recording interviews for oral history projects.	June/ July 2026	Grants average between \$5,000 to \$10,000.
Manatū Taonga / Ministry for culture and heritage	Cultural Diplomacy International Programme	Y	N	Funding for overseas cultural diplomacy activities that provide economic benefits for New Zealand's cultural and creative sectors and enhance our wider economic, trade, tourism and diplomatic interests.	June/ July 2026	Total fund approx. \$3m
Manatū Taonga / Ministry for culture and heritage	Commemoratin g Waitangi Day Fund	Y	N	Suitable for organisations with an existing role in community activities and services, planning an event that increases awareness and knowledge of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The event has to take place on or near Waitangi Day.	Annually in October	Total funds approx. \$300,000

Lottery Grants	Lottery Environment and Heritage grants	Y	N	The three categories are 1) Natural heritage; 2) Physical heritage; and 3) Cultural heritage. Requires 33% match funding.	Check website	Small grants are under \$250,000. Large grant are more than \$250,000.
Lottery Grants	Community Fund	Y	N	This fund has a number of charitable purposes and community outcomes. Check before applying as these change annually	Two rounds per year. Usually July and November.	Not provided. Minor capital works up to \$50,000 are eligible.
Lottery Grants	Community Facilities Fund	Y	N	To improve or build new community facilities. Or for feasibility studies.	Two round per year.	Large projects of \$50,001 and above.
Lottery Grants	COGS (South and North Taranaki)	Y	N	Check updated priorities before applying. Supports operating expenses for charitable organisations.	Opens in April each year	Not stated.
Public Trust	The Toc H NZ Bowerbank Charitable Trust	Y	N	Organisations that promote the welfare of youth and underprivileged persons.	Annually July	Not stated.
Public Trust	Helen Steward Royle Charitable Trust	Y	N	Humanitarian aid to women and older people	Annually in March or April	Values of \$10,000 to \$50,000

Public Trust and Perpetual Guardian	Different scholarships are available for young people of Aotearoa or specifically Taranaki	N	Y	Check their website for options. Recent opportunities included scholarships for medical students, dance, music and journalism studies.	Check funder's website	Not stated
Perpetual Guardian	Wilks Charitable Trust	Y	N	Elderly focus: Social connections. Wellbeing. Health issues.	Annually Sept	\$15,000
Perpetual Guardian	Strathlachan Fund	Y	N	To support women – visit website for specific details	Annually in Sept	Not stated
Perpetual Guardian	Gladys Howey Charitable Trust	Y	N	Charitable purposes relating to the welfare of animals	Annually in May	Total funds \$6,000
Perpetual Guardian	Tui Flower Foundation	Y	Y	Projects and scholarships focusing on family care, home science, nutrition and household arts.	Annually in June	Not stated.
Perpetual Guardian	Stout Trust	Y	N	For the preservation of natural or historic sites. To support the creation or preservation of works of art.	Annually in July.	Two categories: One below and one above \$20,000

Creative New Zealand	Many different funds for artists and organisations.	Y	Y	Please see their website for details and contact an arts advisor from Creative NZ for advice.	Deadlines throughout the year	Variety
OMV	Community Partnership (Sponsorship)	Y	N	Community development; Environment & sustainability; Education and culture; Health and wellbeing. Link to UN Sustainable Development Goals.	Ongoing	Not stated
TODD Energy	Community Partnership (Sponsorship)	Y	N	Community wellbeing, children and youth, and environment, as well as STEM education are main focus areas.	September / October	Not stated
Power Co	Community Fund	Y	N	Short term community events and projects.	Not open at present. Check their socials	Up to \$5,000

Transpower	Community Care Fund	Y	N	The fund is to assist communities affected by their power lines and sub stations. Not funding events, but will fund projects with high levels of community engagement.	Two deadlines usually in April and October	Up to \$15,000
Methanex	Community Partnership (Sponsorship)	Y	N	No sporting, religious or political activities. No travel costs or wages. Waitara and North Taranaki focus, as well as education and environment.	Check their facebook page – 4 deadlines per year	Up to \$5,000

Further information: Please note that the above list is detailed but not comprehensive. There may be other grants from Councils, Lottery, and the philanthropic grant platforms which sometimes open as a one-off. There are databases available at cost, e.g. GEM and Fund Sorter.

Remember: Don't squeeze yourself into a fund that doesn't fit, but be open to lateral thinking when looking for grants.

Also, the TOI Foundation is more long-term strategic grants, but I have listed the more accessible ones above since this is 'getting started' resource. My advice is, go through the different funders' sites and note down suitable and non-suitable funds. Based on this list, create a funding plan that is tailored to your needs and plans. Talk to funders to get clarity rather than applying with limited clarity.

Gaming Data: www.Granted.Govt.NZ is an excellent website showing how much money gaming societies grant to what type of organisations.

Online Fundraising Option: Alongside grant funding, consider other fundraising options like crowd- and community fundraising such as these options <https://www.boosted.org.nz> (Arts specific) / <https://www.kickstarter.com/> (Creative projects focus) / <https://www.pledgeme.co.nz> (General) / <https://givealittle.co.nz> (General). And many more, including raisely.com, safewill.com, just to name a few.