

Te Pūaha - Waterways and Marine Environment Scholarship Fund

The purpose of this fund is to support individuals who want to take part in activities, programmes, and projects, that make the most of the Whakatāne District's waterways and marine environment.

We are keen to support individuals who want to use this funding for projects and activities that are linked to our waterways and marine environment. Here are some examples of what you can apply for:

- Projects that support positive outcomes for our community, like conducting research on our waterways and marine environment, or developing an environmental initiative.
- Projects focused on personal development, including education, study, or building skills and knowledge.
- Projects involving water sports provided it can be linked to personal development or community outcomes.

If you are unsure if your project matches our criteria, contact the Community Funding Advisor at grants@whakatane.govt.nz

The Te Pūaha Scholarship Fund is designed for individuals. If you would like to apply for funding as an organisation, check out our Te Pūaha General Fund.

Guidelines:

- Applicants must live in the Whakatāne District.
- Applications must have a direct link to the Whakatāne District's waterways and marine environment to be eligible.
- We recommend the amount of funding you apply for is up to \$5,000. Applications for amounts higher than this may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

How to make an application:

Applications can be completed online through our partner, SmartyGrants. If you need help with your application, or you are unable to complete an application online, please contact the Community Funding Advisor at grants@whakatane.govt.nz or 07 306 0500 for help.

To complete your application form, you will need evidence of the costs of your project, e.g. quotes or invoices for your expenses.

What we do fund:

Whakatāne District Council funds projects, programmes, and activities that that benefit the Whakatāne District, its residents, and its communities. For scholarship funds, applicants are expected to show that funding would support their personal development or outcomes for their community.

We prefer to fund applicants that have a clear plan in their application, identify exactly how funding will be used, and provide a budget for the project/activity.

What we don't fund:

- Salaries for the staff of non-profit organisations
- Projects and activities that do not directly benefit the Whakatāne District's residents and communities, or support the applicant's personal development
- Applications more suited to funding by other funding organisations
- Funding for projects that have already taken place.

Whakatāne District Council does not usually fund commercial or private organisations, activities that promote religious or political purposes, and programmes that duplicate existing initiatives. However, exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Council does not fund legal or medical expenses, debt repayment, statutory functions and public services (e.g. education and health care), purchase or promotion of alcohol and tobacco, and physical works (e.g. improvements to community buildings) that do not have permits prior to application.

How are decisions made:

Applications are assessed based on how they would benefit the Whakatāne District's residents and communities, or how well they would contribute to the applicant's personal development.

Applications are also assessed based on how well they meet the guidelines and criteria, and how much information is provided in the application.

Application review and assessment:

We'll carry out an initial check of your application to make sure you're eligible. If there is any more information we need, we'll be in contact.

The Community Funding Committee then will meet to discuss applications and allocate funding to applicants. After this meeting, you will be notified of the outcome of your application via email.

The Committee may require some conditions to be met for funding they allocate to be released. For example, providing information or clarification, paying outstanding bills, or filing outstanding reports. If this happens, you will be notified when you are told your application has been successful.

The total amount of funding requested often exceeds the amount of funding we have to distribute. Successful applicants may receive less funding than they request.

Advice and support:

If you have any questions, or you need advice and support, contact the Community Funding Advisor at grants@whakatane.govt.nz

