

Community Climate Action Fund

The Community Climate Action Fund is an initiative, in partnership with Trust Horizon, to support our community to take real action on climate change.

Applications should directly address climate change mitigation or adaption:

Climate change mitigation: Taking tangible steps to reduce our impact on the climate. This includes projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or increase sustainable practices.

Climate change adaptation: Enhancing our resilience to climate change and minimizing the harm climate change can cause. This includes adapting and improving our local environment and infrastructure to withstand climate related extreme weather and natural disasters, planning for future climate change impacts, and increasing local production of everyday needs like food.

We will also consider initiatives that educate and engage our community on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Applicants can request up to \$20,000.

We are focused on funding activities that:

- Have long-term benefits to our communities and leave a lasting impact
- Will have outcomes that can be measured and reported on
- Build knowledge about climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Support equity in our community
- Have potential to be scaled up and have a broad impact, or increase in impact over time.

How to make an application:

Applications can be completed online [through SmartyGrants](#). If you need help with your application, email CCFund@whakatane.govt.nz or call 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. You will also need your most recent annual report.

Application requirements:

We fund projects and programmes that benefit the Whakatāne District and its communities. Organisations must be active in the Whakatāne District and be a legal entity (or supported by an umbrella organisation) to be eligible.

Applications should include the following:

- Have a clear plan, and show there is capability to complete the project in the times frame stated in the application form
- Planning for any ongoing costs or maintenance related to the project to ensure sustainability
- Evidence of collaboration or co-funding, if either is required for the project to go forward
- Consider if there are any unintended consequences of the project
- Show how outcomes for the project will be measured and reported.

If the project requires any permit, consent, or other authorization from a third party (such as a council or a landowner) to go ahead, evidence of this is required in the application form. If there is a legitimate reason it cannot be included in the application form, any funding awarded will not be released until evidence of authorization is provided.

What the Community Climate Action Fund can't support:

- Salaries for the staff of non-profit organisations
- Large infrastructure projects, including the installation of solar panels
- Initiatives that move emissions out of the Whakatāne District.
- Applications more suited to funding by other funding organisations
- Funding for projects and expenses that have already taken place.

We do not usually fund commercial or for-profit 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.

We are unable to fund legal or medical expenses, debt repayment, statutory functions and public services (e.g. education and health care), and purchase or promotion of alcohol and tobacco.

How decisions are made:

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 Funding Committee, in collaboration with Trust Horizon, will then 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, email CCFund@whakatane.govt.nz or call 07 306 0500.