

Community Climate Action and Youth Development Fund FAQs

When are applications open?

Applications for both funds open **Monday, 13 April** and close **Sunday, 3 May 2026**.

Who can apply?

Community Climate Action Fund:

Any community group, non-profit organisation, or social enterprise, can apply.

Climate Youth Development Fund:

Individuals aged 14 – 24 who are based in, or grew up in the Whakatāne District.

How much funding can I apply for?

Community Climate Action Fund:

Up to \$20,000.

Climate Youth Development Fund:

Up to \$5,000.

Application Process

How do I apply?

Applications are online. The link will be on our website during the open period.

When will I hear back?

Applicants will be contacted within 10 working days of our Community Grants and Funding Committee on Wednesday, 20 May.

Who can I contact if I have questions or need support?

Email: ccfund@whakatane.govt.nz

Phone: **07 306 0500**



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Community Climate Action Fund FAQs:

What types of projects are you looking to support with the Community Climate Action Fund?

We are looking to support projects based in the Whakatāne District that directly address climate change mitigation or adaptation.

What is climate change mitigation?

Actions that reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, and or increase sustainable practices, by doing things like reducing our consumption and reusing what we have.

What is climate change adaption?

Taking action to prepare for the impacts that climate change has, like rising sea levels or extreme weather, by planning for extreme events and restoring ecosystems to prevent flooding and erosion.

What information do I need to provide in the application form for the Community Climate Action Fund?

- A clear project description and plan
- Planning for ongoing costs or maintenance of your project
- How you will identify if your project has been successful
- Identification of potential unintended consequences

You will also be asked to provide your group's latest Annual Report, evidence of costs for your project expenses, and your GST registration or bank details.

What sort of expenses can I not apply for from the Community Climate Action Fund?

- Salaries for staff of non-profit organisations
- Large infrastructure projects (including solar panel installation)
- Projects that shift emissions out of the Whakatāne District
- Activities better suited for other funding providers
- Costs for projects that have already taken place

We are focused on funding new projects within our district. Applications for projects that are already ongoing, or for operating expenses, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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Climate Youth Development Fund

FAQs:

What can the funding be used for?

You can apply for costs related to education or study that build skills or knowledge in climate-related areas. This can include courses, workshops, short programmes, training, or other learning opportunities.

What won't the fund support?

The fund cannot support:

- Educational activities that have already been completed
- Activities more suited for other funding organisations

Do schools or organisations apply on behalf of young people?

No, young people apply individually, though they may include supporting letters from schools, employers, or organisations.

Can I apply if I am studying outside the district?

Yes. If you are from the Whakatāne District or currently based here, and the study relates to climate change.



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