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Guide to Transpower's CommunityCare Fund

How does the CommunityCare Fund work?

We provide one-off grants up to the value of $15,000 towards community-based projects with tangible, wide-reaching and lasting benefits to communities within 2km of our overhead assets.

It is a two-stage application process to apply, and both stages are completed online:

1. **Expression of Interest** – a short form so we can check your proposal meets the funding criteria (see "*The funding criteria*" below). If it does, you will be invited to the Full Application stage.
2. **Full Application** – you can provide more details in this form and attach supporting documents. Full Applications are assessed against the evaluation criteria listed on page 5 under *"How is a Full Application evaluated?"*.
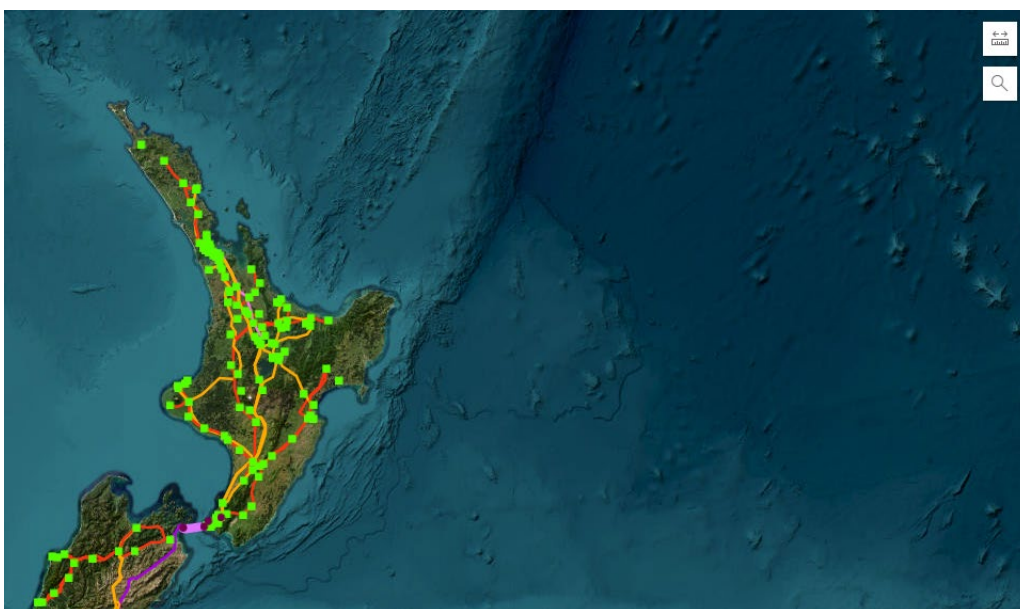
There are two funding rounds per year. The dates are the same each year:

- **Summer round** – the window to submit an Expression of Interest is the month of October (closing date 11:59pm on 31 October). Full Applications then close 11:59pm on 31 January
- **Winter round** – the window to submit an Expression of Interest is the month of April (closing date 11:59pm on 30 April). Full Applications then close 11:59pm on 31 July.

Our panel meet in March (Summer round) and September (Winter round) to evaluate the Full Applications and determine which proposals are successful in receiving a grant.

How do I find out the distance to Transpower's lines?

There is an interactive map to work out the distance from your community project to our lines. Use the measure tool in the top right corner.

The funding criteria

The following organisations are eligible to apply:
- organisation or community groups who are independent, local and non-profit

- non-government organisations
- charities
- kōhanga reo, schools, or educational institutions
- local iwi and hapū
- local and regional councils *(although an application from the community is strongly encouraged).*

The CommunityCare Fund will consider funding for:
- projects in communities within 2km of our overhead lines or other assets and who are affected by our assets
- one-off projects seeking a grant up to $15,000
- lasting projects that have wider-reaching benefits to the community
- projects with a high level of community involvement and participation
- committed projects with funds already raised from other sources

The CommunityCare Fund will not consider funding for:
- events
- projects that require funds above what is requested from the CommunityCare Fund, where there is no clear path to obtain remaining funds
- programmes or operational costs (e.g. salaries, rent, bills, fuel, administration costs, volunteer support, equipment hire, paying a project manager)
- individuals, political organisations, or other foundations who make grants
- projects generally funded by the government
- projects that have already been completed
- projects that may compromise Transpower's policies for managing the National Grid (e.g. a proposal to build too close or under our transmission lines)
- organisations who have received a CommunityCare Fund grant in the last four years.

Stage 1 – Expression of Interest

The Expression of Interest is a quick process to check your proposal meets the funding criteria. We appreciate the time that goes into grant applications so are keen to make our process as easy as possible.

Complete the short Expression of Interest form and click the "Submit" button.

It is important to be clear about what the grant money will be used for. If it's unclear, your Expression of Interest may be declined. No attachments or supporting documents are required at this stage.

At this time, the online form cannot be saved for submitting later so we recommend having your information ready to go. Below is a step-by-step guide to the Expression of Interest form:

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Please provide information about the organisation that will be applying for a CCF grant.

Organisation name *

Street address or PO Box *

Suburb *

Please complete all boxes in this section

This address can be different to the location of your proposed project

Organisation type

6. Tick all organisation types below that apply *

☐ An independent, local and non-profit organisation / community group

☐ A non-government organisation

☐ An iwi or hapū

☐ A registered school, kōhanga reo, educational institution

☐ A regional or district council

☐ A registered charity

☐ Other

You can tick more than one box.

To be considered for the CommunityCare Fund, we would like to understand about your organization and who it fits into your community. It's important to us that we are helping community groups and non-profit organisations.

There will be an opportunity at the next stage (Full Application) to tell us more about your organization.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please let us know who we should contact about this submission.

Your name *

Your position / title *

Your phone number *

Your email address *

Complete all fields.

Project details

11. Project title *

Enter your answer

Give your project a title. We'll use this on all correspondence to you, and on our [funding announcements page](#) if you are successful in receiving a grant.

12. Total project cost *

This is the amount your project will cost. Please enter the amount only (no text) and do not include a $ sign or a comma

The value must be a number

This is how much will it cost to complete your project. We like to know if our grant would cover a part of your project or complete it.

13. Is your organisation GST registered *

  ○ Yes

  ○ No

Please read this question very carefully. You should only be answering question 14 or 15, not both, depending on whether your organisation is GST registered or not.

14. Total funding request *

This is the amount (grant) you are asking for. Please enter the amount only (no text) and do not include a $ sign or a comma.
As you are GST registered, the grant amount you are requesting should exclude GST.

Please note the maximum grant request is $15,000 (excluding GST)

> Please enter a number less than or equal to 15000

This is the amount of money you are asking for in this grant application. If you later need to adjust this grant amount, there is an option in the Full Application.

15. Total funding request (including GST) *

As you are not GST registered, please enter your total funding request including GST. Please enter the amount only (no text) and do not include a $ sign or a comma.

Please note the maximum grant request is $15,000 (excluding GST)

> The value must be a number

16. Have you secured or requested funding from another source for this project? *

  ○ Yes

  ○ No

Project Description

18. Please provide a short summary of your project. *

A few sentences outlining your proposed project, and what our grant money would be spent on (this is important to be clear about). Please review the funding criteria on our website before submitting your Expression of Interest.

> Enter your answer

Remember to say what the grant money will be spent on
Please keep it brief - there is space in the Full Application form to talk about your amazing organisation and fantastic community project

19. Please clearly outline the benefits of your project to your community. *

Please provide a few sentences outlining the benefits of your proposed project to your community. There is an opportunity at the Full Application stage to provide more detail about your project and your organisation.

> Enter your answer

We'd love to hear the kind of great things that are going to happen in your community as a result of your project

20. Does the requested grant fully cover the cost of the project *

  ○ Yes

  ○ No

21. Please describe the parts of the project covered by the requested grant. *

> Enter your answer

We will only support projects that have already raised funds from other sources and where the CommunityCare Fund Grant will complete the funds required.

22. Location of Project *

Provide the physical address where the project will be located.
Your project must be within 2km of Transpower overhead lines or assets. Check your distance from our assets using this link: **https://bit.ly/3vhxYJa**

> Enter your answer

The easiest way is to simply type in the street address. Please complete this even if it is the same as the address at the beginning of this

Eligibility Criteria

23. Select all that apply to your project *

- ☐ Within 2km of Transpower overhead lines or assets

- ☐ Lasting project that has wider reaching benefits to the community

- ☐ High level of community involvement and participation

- ☐ A committed project which a Transpower grant would fully fund or with funds already raised from other sources

- ☐ Grant request does not include operational costs such as rent, training, salaries, accommodation

- ☐ Organisation has not received a CommunityCare Fund grant in the last two years

- ☐ Project has not yet been completed

Your project should tick most, if not all of these boxes. If you are unsure of your eligibility, you can email us