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The current Funding Plan focusses specifically on the two discretionary funds, Mouri Ora and Kākano Funds, that Council have available to build on the strengths of communities with a focus on equity and enabling people and communities to shape their future.

Hutt City Council's purpose is to enable everyone in Te Awa Kairangi Ki Tai Lower Hutt to thrive. Our Funding Plan is designed to support delivering this purpose. Council will work in partnership with communities and organisations across our investment plan. Our funding approach recognises that achieving lasting change means we have to build strong relationships and collaboration and commit to supporting our partners over the longer-term as well as being open to new ideas and flexible shorter-term funding to supporting our communities.



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OUR PURPOSE:

To enable everyone in Te Awa Kairangi Ki Tai Lower Hutt to thrive.

OUR PRINCIPLES
SHAPING
OUR APPROACH

Working together for impact

Transparency

Learning together

Proportionality

OUR PRIORITIES:

Community led

Locally owned visions, goals and initiatives

Equity

Recognising different people with different levels of advantage require different approaches and resources to achieve equitable wellbeing outcomes

WHAT WE
LOOK FOR:

Clearly making a
difference

Collaborative
approaches

Well managed
organisations

Innovative
approaches

Community
ownership

OUR FUNDS:

Kākano Fund

Mouri Ora Fund

OUR FUNDS

Kākano Fund

What is the purpose of this fund?	Kākano means seed, and this fund provides seed funding for new ideas that meet our vision in a give-it-a-go, safe-to-fail environment.
Who is it for?	Got a new idea you would like to try? Apply here!
How big is the fund?	\$70,000 per annum
How much can I apply for?	It depends on your idea. It could be a small grant for a grass roots local initiative. Or if you have a big new idea you could consider applying for the total amount of money in the fund, although of course that would mean that if your idea is funded then others would miss out. Anything will be considered; we look for costs that are fair and reasonable for the idea you propose.
How long is the funding for?	The Kākano fund provides funding for up to one year only. You are welcome to apply each year – but not for the same initiative because this fund is for new ideas only.
When can I apply?	Applications are accepted through the year in response to identified needs or opportunities.
What can I apply for?	Operational costs - expenses which are related to the operating of your activity. For example power, rent, wages, advertising.
How do I apply?	An online application form through the Council's website and/or through the Council's online grants system. You will need to provide relevant documentation eg. verified bank account details, draft budget. If you are unsure whether your idea is eligible or not, do not hesitate and telephone the Community Funding Advisor who is available to answer any questions and provide support with the application.
What is the decision process?	Once your application is completed, you will meet informally with the Community Funding Advisor to discuss your application. Recommendations will be made by officers.
What is the reporting process?	Six month informal meeting. Report back at year end on outcomes achieved.

Mouri Ora Fund

What is the purpose of this fund?	Mouri ora is the principle force of life and is a state of holistic wellbeing that encompasses all four quadrants of health - taha hinengaro, taha wairua, taha whānau, taha tinana. This fund is for community initiatives that are already up and running. The Mouri Ora fund can be for longer term funding and a partnership approach.
How big is the fund?	\$713,000 per annum. If an organisation receives multiyear funding, the second year of the fund will reduce the size of the fund that is contestable for that year and same with the third year.
Who is it for?	If your initiative is a strong fit and aligns with our priorities to our vision and is showing good results.
How do I apply?	An online application form through the Council's website. If assistance is needed, the Community Funding Advisor is available to provide support with the application. You are welcome to call us for advice on your funding application before you begin.
How long is the funding for?	You can apply for one or two or three years. If you apply for more than one year of funding, your organisation will be required to provide additional information with your application.
How much can I apply for?	There is no limit to the amount you can apply for other than the total size of the fund. We would generally expect most grants to be medium sized eg. between \$5K and \$50,000K.
When can I apply?	There will be one funding round per financial year.
What can I apply for?	Operational costs - expenses which are related to the operating of your activity. For example power, rent, wages, advertising.
What is the decision process?	Recommendations go to the Corporate Leadership Team for endorsement and final recommendations are provided for the Community Committee to approve.
What is the reporting process?	The Community Funding Advisor or a Council Officer who will manage the funding agreement will meet with you informally at the commencement of the Funding Agreement and towards the end of period. An officer will engage with you during the term of the funding agreement. After 12 months, all successful recipients of Mouri Ora funding will be brought together so that you can report on your initiative in person to us and to your peers. A simple accountability form will also be required, showing expenditure of the funding and also reporting on your funding.

PRINCIPLES

Working together for impact
(partnering and not just funding)

Our funding relationships will acknowledge that achieving outcomes for the city is a shared responsibility and that effect partnerships are crucial creating a city where everyone thrives. We share many aspirations and values with our local organisations and groups, and we also recognise their knowledge, expertise, and independence.

Transparency

Our funding programme will be clear in terms of access to funding, funding criteria and expectations, and decision-making processes. Council publishes information about all its funding, its purpose, and the organisations or groups with whom we work.

Learning together

Achieving our outcomes will take time and we'll work with our partners to evaluate and learn from our work. We will work with organisations and groups to develop measures, reporting and evaluation.

Proportionality

We will balance the need to demonstrate responsibility and accountability for investing public money and the trust that we have in our partners to deliver, and make sure we recognise the impact of any administrative and reporting requirements on their time and resources. Our processes and reporting requirements will be proportionate to the funding investment.

