

# Central Panel Local Community Projects Contestable Fund 2022: FAQs

## How do I apply for the Central Panel Local Community Projects Fund?

Visit our [website](#) for more information, and apply online [here](#). Please note you'll also need to supply a quote to support your application, and if your application is for more than \$10,000 you'll need to provide two quotes. This funding is a one-off grant, and any future maintenance is the responsibility of the applicant organisation.

## What are the criteria for the Central Panel Local Community Projects Contestable Fund?

- Your organisation must be either a charitable trust or incorporated society (this includes marae, churches, sports clubs), and schools are also eligible to apply. Your organisation must be based in the Central Ward.
- Your application must be for the purchase of an asset over \$1000 and the asset must be added to your organisation's asset register.
  - New community assets could include, but are not limited to: computers, gardening equipment, support vehicles, kitchen equipment, AEDs, school playground equipment.
- The asset must not be stored on Council reserve land or road reserve.
- The application should align with the strategic direction of Council – check out our [10-Year Plan](#) for more information.

## How are decisions made by the Central Community Funding Panel?

Officers will complete due diligence on all applications received, and those that meet the criteria will be considered for funding. The Central Panel will meet on 17 August 2022 to make their decisions, and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application no later than 20 August 2022.

## I have a question about my application, or the 2022 funding round – who can I talk to?

For any questions relating to the Community Funding Panels, please get in touch with Council's Community Funding officer on 027 886 0621, or email [funding@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:funding@huttcity.govt.nz).

## Why is the Central Community Funding Panel taking a different approach this year?

Hutt City Council's Parks and Reserves team plays a key role in delivering projects approved through the Local Community Projects Fund. This year has been particularly challenging given the ongoing impacts of COVID, which means the team has needed to prioritise their work programme. The Omicron outbreak has meant no new projects have been able to be assessed by officers, and any proposed projects through the Fund was effectively put on hold.

At a Council meeting held on 24 May 2022, Council decided to give the Panels more options around how to distribute their funds. Northern, Eastern, and Western Community Funding Panels chose to continue with their current process, and the Central Community Funding Panel chose to instead operate a "one off" contestable fund.

**What are the Northern, Eastern, and Western Panels doing this year?**

The other Panels are continuing to operate as usual. If you have an idea for a project, get in touch with your local Community Funding Panel representative. Their contact details, and further information, can be found on our [website](#).

**What if I already receive funding from Council?**

You can still apply for this one-off funding, as long as your other Council funding hasn't been for the purchase of an asset.

**Will my organisation be accountable to Council in any way?**

If your application is successful, your organisation will be required to complete an accountability form to confirm that the funding has been spent on what you applied for.