

# Christchurch City Council Guide to Funding Outcomes and Priorities

## Community Grants Funding Outcomes:

Council does not have the necessary resources to meet the needs and expectations of all not-for-profit and voluntary groups. Therefore, it focuses assistance toward those key activities and initiatives that contribute to and align with the community outcomes in the Long Term Plan (LTP) and with other Council strategies.

The following funding outcomes will be used to evaluate and assess applications:

- Support, develop and promote the capacity and sustainability of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups
- Increase participation in and awareness of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups, programmes and local events
- Increase community engagement in local decision making
- Enhance community and neighbourhood safety
- Provide community based programmes which enhance basic life skills
- Reduce or overcome barriers to participation
- Foster collaborative responses to areas of identified need

## Community Grants Funding Priorities:

The following priorities will be used to assist with the allocation of funding:

- Older adults
- Children and youth
- People with disabilities
- Ethnic and culturally diverse groups
- Disadvantage and/or social exclusion
- The capacity of community organisations
- Civic engagement

These priorities have been developed from the key challenges to building strong communities identified in the 2009–19 LTCCP, and will be reviewed in line with the LTP (2013-2022).

In addition, Community Boards have their own objectives that will be used to assist in prioritising local projects.

## **Eligibility:**

Applications are invited from eligible not-for-profit groups whose activities provide opportunities in the areas of community, social, recreation, sports, arts, environment or heritage to the wider community or to specifically defined communities of interest.

The following criteria must be met by all applicants:

- A community based not-for-profit community, recreation, sporting, arts, social service, environment or heritage organisation.
- All groups applying for more than \$2,000 must be incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 or the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 or be a legal entity that is registered for charitable purposes.
- Be based in the Christchurch City Council area with funded programmes or services being provided primarily for Christchurch City Council residents.
- Must have provided accountability reports for all previous Council funding and have no unresolved or outstanding accountability issues including outstanding debt to Council.
- Must have had the funding application approved at a properly convened committee meeting and in writing.
- Must provide evidence of the need for the project.
- Have appropriate financial management, accounting, monitoring and reporting practices.
- Have sound governance and appropriate operational capability and capacity to deliver to the level as agreed.
- Be able to commit to collaboration and partnering, where appropriate.
- Groups receiving Council funding at a metropolitan level may only apply for local funding if the project is specifically local and no portion of it has been funded at the metropolitan level.

Note: Recreation and sporting clubs/organisations do not have to be affiliated to a national sporting organisation to be eligible to apply however in alignment with the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy we would encourage you to affiliate.

## **How to apply:**

For information on the various funds and how to apply, visit the Community Grants page on the Christchurch City Council's website [www.ccc.govt.nz](http://www.ccc.govt.nz)

### Further Assistance

Further assistance is available by emailing [communitygrants@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:communitygrants@ccc.govt.nz) or call 941 5488 and ask to speak to a Community Funding Advisor.