



Funding Programme

How We Fund | Pēhea Tā Mātau Utu

Through our funding programmes we aim to support small and large organisations across a wide range of cultural, social, environmental or community projects in our funding regions.

Small Grants | Ngā Pūtea Iti

This funding programme is for organisations requesting \$20,000 or less

Under this programme Rātā Foundation supports grassroots initiatives in the community, including organisational running costs.

With the small grants programme this will mean

- There are no closing dates – you choose when to apply.
- You can choose when you wish to apply within our financial year (1 April to 31 March).
- Generally the timeframe for a funding decision is eight weeks, once we have received a complete application and all the required information.
- You can only receive one grant in our financial year (1 April to 31 March). You can only apply to one grants programme at a time.

Large Grants | Ngā Pūtea Nui

This funding programme is for organisations requesting over \$20,000

Under this programme Rātā Foundation supports organisations which form part of the fabric of our communities and projects which provide wider community benefit.

With the large grants programme this will mean

- We have three funding rounds each financial year:
 - If you apply by 18 April, a decision will be made by the end of July 2016
 - If you apply by 5 August, a decision will be made by the end of November 2016
 - If you apply by 25 November, a decision will be made by the end of March 2017
- We may ring you or arrange a site visit to learn more about the work you do.
- You can only receive one grant in our financial year (1 April to 31 March). You can only apply to one grants programme at a time.



Building Projects Ngā kaupapa hanga whare

Under this programme Rātā Foundation provides grants for building projects which foster community connections, increase community participation or are of regional significance.

Our Focus

Our priorities are building projects which either:

- promote collaboration and multi-use spaces and have ongoing wide community use
- acknowledge and celebrate our diverse communities, such as the arts, sports or youth sectors
- protect and enhance the environment in which we live
- recognise the special role that marae play in supporting community cohesion

The application process

1) Applications where the request is \$100,000 or less

Organisations should apply either the small (if under \$20,000) or large grants (if over \$20,000) programmes.

2) Applications where the request is over \$100,000

Organisations are required to submit an Expression of Interest by 1 June.

The Expressions of Interest should clearly demonstrate how your project aligns to one or more Building Projects Funding Priorities. Expressions of Interest are considered in August and are either declined or invited to a second stage for a more in-depth assessment. Final funding decisions are made in December.

Community Loans Pūtea taurewa ā Hapori

Rātā Foundation makes community loans to organisations which meet our criteria.

We see the provision of community loans as a way to extend our ability to assist projects which benefit the community in the long-term as well as a positive way to recycle funds. Community loans have been shown to be an effective way of building sustainability for community organisations.

What's the difference between a Loan and a Grant?

A community loan is not a grant and any loan advanced by Rātā Foundation is expected to be repaid in full within the terms and conditions agreed at the time of the loan.

Grants are administered with no expectation of repayment.

What is the loan term and interest rate?

Normal loan terms are for a maximum period of ten years, repayment of principal and interest will be made by monthly installments.

Community loans may be offered at our discretion on the following terms:

- interest payable will be at least 3% per annum, depending on assessment factors
- the maximum amount for any new loan is \$500,000
- the fees in respect of loan documentation and securities registration will be at the applicant's cost
- an assessment fee of 0.2% of the loan amount applied for will be charged
- the ability to service a loan will determine the amount advanced, there are no debt/equity ratios to be applied

What We Fund | Ngā Mea e Utua e Mātau

In line with our vision for our communities of contributing to the building of strong, happy, healthy, prosperous and more connected communities, we focus on funding projects and organisations in the four key areas of **Learn, Support, Connect and Participate**.

Learn

We place importance on the great start in life provided by quality education, post school learning and the need to support people as they move through different life stages.

Support

At times, people need support to overcome challenges, build self-reliance and resilience, and for some people long-term support is needed.

Connect

Healthy communities have opportunities for people to interact, form relationships and share experiences.

Participate

Taking part in sport and recreation, cultural activities, or improving the environment, can help people to lead full and happy lives.



For all the answers to your questions on our funding programmes check out the funding section of our website – ratafoundation.org.nz. It has easy to follow FAQs on all our funding programmes or call one of our friendly team on 0508 266 878.