



MASTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Community Groups are invited to apply to the Council's Community Development Fund. Funds will support the focus of the Community Development Policy:

- Partnerships - co-operation & collaboration
- Community wellbeing
- Skill Development — capacity building
- Equity/Access
- Celebration of diversity

The fund will support groups to:

- Improve the quality of their service
- Maintain or expand their service - number of clients or range of services
- Recruit or retain staff and volunteers
- Support skills development of staff, volunteers or members
- Increase their membership

How to apply:

Application forms are available from 5th July. You can pick them up from the first floor reception area in the District Council building, 64 Chapel Street, or phone 370 6300 during office hours and a copy will be posted to you or you can download them from our website www.mstn.govt.nz. **Applications will close 4.30pm on Friday 12th August 2011 and will be considered in September.**

Applications must be received by the advertised closing date. Your group may be approached by staff or committee members for further information.

For further details:

Contact Jan Gerritsen, Manager Community Services on 370-6300 or email to: janetteg@mstn.govt.nz

Eligible Projects

- **Community Activities**
 - Meet community need
 - Improve Services
 - Expand programmes
 - Promotion - e.g. local conference / festival / event costs, signage
- **Training**
 - Staff, community, volunteers, skill development
 - Forum/seminar costs
- **Support for Volunteers or Wages**
- **“Minor” Facility Development**

eg: Minor upgrade of community facilities
Council’s support for facility development through this funding is generally modest (eg \$500 - \$4,000).
- **Administration Costs**
 - Rental/Rates/Insurance/Electricity
 - Operational Costs eg phone, stationery
 - Auditing/financial and clerical costs
 - Travel within district (limited)

To be eligible for Council Community Development funding:

- Organisations should generally be non-profit community groups.
- Groups should show that they will make a contribution to the project/costs.
- Groups must show they can account for the funds and must have completed the accountability form for any previous funding.
- The project or activity must be based in the Masterton District or substantially benefit Masterton residents.

Ineligible Projects / Applications

- Applications from educational institutions.
- Applications to deliver social welfare/health treatment/benefits to individuals.
- Applications from organisations that have not completed accountability requirements for earlier grants.
- Applications from individuals or for projects already completed are not eligible.

Applicants should be aware that funds are limited. Apart from exceptional circumstance the highest grant in recent years has been around \$4000 and half receive less than \$1,500.

Arts Groups should apply to the Creative Communities Scheme as a priority (unless the purpose is ineligible for funding from those schemes e.g. uniforms, musical instruments, facility development, administration).

Application forms are available from the Masterton District Council office.

If yours is an educational institution or group you should apply to the Masterton Trust Lands Trust (378-6584).

Trust House Charitable Trust is another source of funds.

Significant facility development should be referred to the Council's Annual Plan process. Funding for this type of project should also be sought from the Eastern and Central Community Trust and/or Lottery Community facilities.

Contact details are: Eastern and Central Community Trust, ph:0800 878 720

Applicants should indicate how their application will support achievement of the Community Outcomes, especially a Strong, Vibrant & Healthy Community or an Equitable Society for the Masterton District.

A Small Grants fund is held by Council officers primarily to support groups using the meeting rooms and other Council facilities at discounted costs *with prior agreement*. The fund is also used for training days for community groups and to meet the cost of the FIS Fundview database which groups can use to seek other funders.

The Fundview Database is held at:

- REAP, Queen Street Masterton
- Masterton District Library
- Citizens' Advice Bureau, Perry Street
- Rangitāne O Wairarapa in Cornwall Place

Members of the Community Development Task Group

Councillor Lyn Patterson (Chair)

Councillor Doug Bracewell

Councillor Gary Caffell

Councillor David Holmes

Councillor Jonathan Hooker

Councillor Chris Peterson

The Task Group considers applications and makes recommendations to the Council.