



ADDITIONAL MEETING

of

Council

AGENDA

Time: 9:30 am
Date: Wednesday, 9 September 2026
Venue: Greater Wellington Regional
Council, 34 Chapel Street,
Masterton

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Bex Johnson (Chairperson)

Deputy Mayor Craig Bowyer
Councillor Gary Caffell
Councillor Waireka Collings
Councillor Brent Goodwin

Councillor David Holmes
Councillor Andrea Jackson
Councillor Stella Lennox
Councillor Tim Nelson

Values

1. **Public interest:** members will serve the best interests of the people within the Masterton district and discharge their duties conscientiously, to the best of their ability.
2. **Public trust:** members, in order to foster community confidence and trust in their Council, will work together constructively and uphold the values of honesty, integrity, accountability and transparency.
3. **Ethical behaviour:** members will not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned, will not behave improperly and will avoid the appearance of any such behaviour.
4. **Objectivity:** members will make decisions on merit; including appointments, awarding contracts, and recommending individuals for rewards or benefits.
5. **Respect for others:** will treat people, including other members, with respect and courtesy, regardless of their ethnicity, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. Members will respect the impartiality and integrity of Council staff.
6. **Duty to uphold the law:** members will comply with all legislative requirements applying to their role, abide by this Code, and act in accordance with the trust placed in them by the public.
7. **Equitable contribution:** members will take all reasonable steps to ensure they fulfil the duties and responsibilities of office, including attending meetings and workshops, preparing for meetings, attending civic events, and participating in relevant training seminars.
8. **Leadership:** members will actively promote and support these principles and ensure they are reflected in the way in which MDC operates, including a regular review and assessment of MDC's collective performance.

These values complement, and work in conjunction with, the principles of section 14 of the LGA 2002; the governance principles of section 39 of the LGA 2002; and our MDC governance principles:

Whakamana Tangata	Respecting the mandate of each member, and ensuring the integrity of the committee as a whole by acknowledging the principle of collective responsibility and decision-making.
Manaakitanga	Recognising and embracing the mana of others.
Rangatiratanga	Demonstrating effective leadership with integrity, humility, honesty and transparency.
Whanaungatanga	Building and sustaining effective and efficient relationships.
Kotahitanga	Working collectively.

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The Chairperson will open the meeting with the karakia

Karakia timatanga

Kia tau ngā manaakitanga a te mea ngaro	Let the strength and life force of our ancestors
ki runga ki tēnā, ki tēnā o tātou	Be with each and everyone of us
Kia mahea te hua mākihikihi	Freeing our path from obstruction
kia toi te kupu, toi te mana, toi te aroha, toi te Reo Māori	So that our words spiritual, power, love and language are upheld
kia tūturu, ka whakamauihia kia tīna! Tīna!	Permanently fixed established and understood
Hui e, Tāiki e!	Forward together

At the appropriate time, the following karakia will be read to close the meeting

Karakia whakamutunga

Kua mutu ā mātou mahi	Our work has finished
Mō tēnei wā	For the time being
Manaakitia mai mātou katoa	Protect us all
Ō mātou hoa	Our friends
Ō mātou whānau	Our family
Āio ki te Aorangi	Peace to the universe

1 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

2 APOLOGIES

The Chair invites notice from members of:

- leave of absence for future meetings of Masterton District Council
- apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

3 PUBLIC FORUM**4 ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows:

Matters requiring urgent attention as determined by resolution of the Council

- The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
- The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Minor matters relating to the general business of Council

No resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of Masterton District Council for further discussion.

5 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Nil

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

7 REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 CLIMATE ACTION FUND ALLOCATION 2026/2027

File Number:

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the applications for the 2026/27 Climate Action Fund to Council for deliberation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

1. **Receives** the report *Climate Action Fund Allocation 2026/27*
2. **Receives** nine applications including one application that did not meet the criteria of the fund
3. **Decides** funding allocations for the applications as follows:

	Applicant (in alphabetical order)	Funding granted?	Amount
1	Fab Lab Masterton	[Yes / No]	[TBC]
2	Fish and Game (Cootes Rd, Matahiwi)	[Yes / No]	[TBC]
3	Fish and Game (Coutada II Wetland, Paierau Rd)	[Yes / No]	[TBC]
4	Ko te Aroha	[Yes / No]	[TBC]
5	Oxford Street Community Garden	[Yes / No]	[TBC]
6	Pūkaha Mount Bruce Board	Did not meet the criteria	
7	Qual Chem Products Ltd	[Yes / No]	[TBC]
8	The Bittern Conservation Trust and Sustainable Wairarapa	[Yes / No]	[TBC]
9	Wairarapa Pūkaha to Kawakawa Trust	[Yes / No]	[TBC]

4. **Agrees** to carry over unallocated funding of **[insert amount]** to the 2027/28 Climate Action Fund budget, as per the criteria of the fund
5. **Notes** that staff will operationalise the decisions made at this meeting, and distribute any funds allocated in accordance with any conditions set by Council.

CONTEXT

Background of the fund

The Climate Action Fund (fund) was an action included in the Masterton District Council Climate Action Plan, adopted in 2022.

The fund initially launched with \$50,000 per annum. Through the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, the decision was made to increase the amount of funding to \$100,000 per annum from year three. In 2024/25, Council agreed to roll the funding to the following year to allow the fund to align with existing fund processes, such as the Community Wellbeing Grants. That meant there was \$100,000 available last year, in 2025/26.

Year	Funding allocation	Funding available
2022/23	\$50,000	\$50,000
2023/24	\$50,000	\$50,000
2024/25	\$50,000 (rolled to 25/26)	\$0
2025/26	\$50,000	\$100,000
2026/27	\$100,000	\$100,000

In previous rounds, the fund applications have been reviewed by the Council community Climate Advisory Group (CAG), who made recommendations to the Council Awards and Grants Committee as to how funding should be allocated. With the disestablishment of the group and the change in governance structure for the new triennium, the review and allocation of funding now sits exclusively with the Council.

In 2025, the fund criteria was reviewed with input from CAG and Elected Members, with an aim to introduce a clear purpose and focus the fund on specific climate outcomes. The updated criteria was adopted at the Council meeting on 25 June 2025. A number of principles were applied to the development of the new criteria, including:

A trial set up: to allow us to test our approach, learn as we go and adjust thinking as needed.

Expanded community partnership opportunities: to enable partnerships with different facets of the community to build sustained, long term economic resilience, trust and climate action.

Long term, big picture thinking: considering long term impacts and the bigger picture to help us move towards meaningful, impactful climate action.

A stronger focus on climate outcomes: and a shift away from the community wellbeing projects and events, which may be picked up by alternative Council funds.

The scope of the fund was broadened to include applications from a wider audience; iwi, hapū and marae, the agricultural sector, businesses, community groups, individuals and social enterprises.

Following the last funding round the criteria was further refined for clarification, and to reflect the decision-making process and governance model for the new triennium. This was formally adopted by Council on 1 April 2026. A copy of the criteria is attached to this report as **Attachment one**.

Grant Criteria

The purpose of the fund is to partner with the community to enable projects that respond to climate change and build resilience in the Masterton District. All applications must:

- Demonstrate benefit to the Masterton District
- Align with at least one climate change outcome.

The climate change outcomes are:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| Emission Reduction | Enhanced Resilience |
| Emission Sequestration | Water conservation |
| Enhanced Biodiversity (with climate change outcomes) | Climate innovation |

All applicants are required to describe how they align with climate change outcomes. For applications of \$3,000 or more, applicants are required to also measure the impact. The intent of including measures for larger applications is to help decision makers understand the impact of the applications.

A summary of the criteria is as follows:

Parameter:	Smaller, grassroots climate action projects	Larger, more impactful climate action projects
Amount:	\$2,000 - \$2,999.99	\$3,000 - \$50,000
What projects are eligible:	Projects that respond to climate change and build resilience within the Masterton District.	
Who can apply:	Iwi, hapū and marae Agriculture sector Business sector	Community groups Individuals Social enterprise
Where:	All projects must benefit the Masterton District.	
Why:	An opportunity for Council to partner with the community to enable projects that respond to climate change and build resilience in the Masterton District.	
When:	Applications are open 1-31 July 2026.	
How:	Projects must demonstrate one/more of the following: Emission Reduction Emission Sequestration Resilience Biodiversity (with climate outcomes) Water Conservation Climate Innovation	Projects must demonstrate and show measurable outcomes of one/more of the following: Emission Reduction Emission Sequestration Resilience Biodiversity (with climate outcomes) Water Conservation Climate Innovation

DISCUSSION

2026/27 Funding Round

The fund was open 1 July – 31 July 2026, and was promoted a number of ways:

- Emails were sent to 674 recipients from a data base of people who indicated they would like to hear about funding opportunities: 412 emails were opened, 27 recipients clicked through for more information.
- Two Antenno alerts were sent to the whole district, one when the fund opened, and a second a week before the fund closed. The alerts were sent to 1,607 devices.
- Council website.
- Wairarapa Times Age 'brief' (short format news on page two of the paper).
- The fund was also mentioned by local radio.

There is \$133,855.80 available to allocate in the current funding round. \$100,000 was allocated via the Long Term Plan budget for 2026/27; the remaining is unspent funds from the previous 2025/26 funding round. Any funding that is not allocated from this round can be carried over in accordance with the fund criteria.

Nine applications for a total of \$118,461 were received. The applications are summarised in **Attachment two**. Elected Members have had prior opportunity to forward any questions they have about the applications.

Eight of these applications meet the criteria. Application six from Pūkaha Mount Bruce Board does not meet the criteria, as the majority of funding (\$18,500) is for operational costs, such as staffing and marketing. The remaining request for \$1,500 falls short of the minimum grant size.

Application four from Ko te Aroha is for a project that was funded in the last funding round, on the recommendation of CAG who understood that it was for a discrete project. While repeat projects are not excluded in the criteria, Council may like to consider whether this project is becoming 'business as usual' (BAU), or whether it is still a discrete piece of work. If this is assessed as being BAU, it would be considered operational cost and would be ineligible for funding.

The full list of applicants are:

Applicant (alphabetical order)		Amount requested
1	Fab Lab Masterton	\$2,000
2	Fish and Game (Cootes Rd, Matahiwi)	\$2,000
3	Fish and Game (Coutada II Wetland, Paierau Rd)	\$2,000
4	Ko te Aroha	\$4,155
5	Oxford Street Community Garden	\$2,500
6	Pūkaha Mount Bruce Board <i>Did not meet the criteria</i>	\$20,000
7	Qual Chem Products Ltd	\$50,000
8	The Bittern Conservation Trust and Sustainable Wairarapa	\$20,806

Applicant (alphabetical order)		Amount requested
9	Wairarapa Pūkaha to Kawakawa Trust	\$15,000
Total:		\$118,461

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Strategic, Policy and Legislative Implications

The fund aligns with Council's strategic priority to respond to climate change and build resilience.

OUR PEOPLE – living their best lives	OUR PLACE – getting the basics right	Our future – achieving our potential
- Partnering with mana whenua - Community led, council supported - Embracing social and cultural inclusivity	- Delivering efficient and effective services - Improving our infrastructure - Valuing our community and open spaces	- Realising our strengths and opportunities - Enabling positive growth and development - Responding to climate change and building resilience

Significance, Engagement and Consultation

Allocation of the fund does not trigger the need for an engagement or consultation process. Increasing the level of funding was consulted on as part of the 2024-34 LTP.

Financial Considerations

Council has allocated \$100,000 for this funding round through the LTP. An additional \$33,855.80 of funding is available after being carried forward by Council in 2025/26 from unspent Climate Action funds that year.

Implications for Māori

The applications received will have benefits for the Masterton community, including mana whenua /Māori, and the applications will have a positive effect on the environment. Iwi, hapū and mana whenua were eligible to apply for the fund.

Environmental/Climate Change Impact and Considerations

The nature of the fund is to support projects that will have a positive effect on climate change and build resilience. All of the applications will have a positive climate impact, to varying levels.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will respond to applicants and let them know the outcome. Staff will also operationalise and allocate funding in alignment with Council's decision, including applying any conditions of funding.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Climate Action Fund Criteria [↓](#)
2. Climate Action Fund Application Summary [↓](#)



Climate Action Fund Criteria

Purpose | Why we're doing this

1. The purpose of the Climate Action Fund (fund) is to partner with the community¹ to enable projects that respond to climate change and build resilience in the Masterton District.

Our ambition | What we're doing

2. MDC has a pool of funding available for climate change projects² within the Masterton district. To be eligible, all applicants must be able to demonstrate that their project/initiative:

- a. will benefit the Masterton District, and
- b. aligns with at least one of the following climate change outcomes:
 - Emission Reduction
 - Emission Sequestration
 - Enhanced Biodiversity (with climate change outcomes)
 - Enhanced Resilience
 - Water Conservation
 - Climate Innovation

3. Along with the above, any project/initiative applying for \$3,000 or more funding must be able to show measurable outcomes from the project.

Examples of measurable outcomes include: the number of emissions that will be reduced or sequestered; the number of households that will benefit; the number of trees planted/acres of land affected; amount of water saved.

Eligibility | Who can apply

4. Applications are open to iwi, hapū and marae, the agriculture sector, businesses, community groups, individuals and social enterprises.
5. Eligible applicants are able to partner with one or more entities to deliver their project. Partners can include schools and/or government organisations, but these entities are not eligible to apply in their own right.

For example, a community group may apply and include a Masterton school as a partner, or an iwi may apply, and include a government organisation as a partner.

Where do projects take place?

6. All successful projects/initiatives will need to directly benefit the Masterton District.

Project timeline

7. All projects should be 'ready to go', i.e. the project will commence before the end of the financial year (30 June).

¹ Iwi, hapū and marae, agriculture sector, businesses, community groups, individuals and social enterprises.

² A project is defined as a discrete piece of work with a beginning, middle and end. It is not part of ongoing everyday operations.

How much can be applied for?

8. The minimum amount of funding available for a project/initiative is \$2,000. The maximum amount is \$50,000 in any financial year.
9. The fund may cover up to 50 per cent of the total project cost, the balance will need to be funded elsewhere. The value of volunteer hours is recognised and can be considered as part of the balance, and the total project cost. We recommend costing volunteer hours at the [living wage rate](#).

Assessment process

10. All applications will be assessed for suitability, then assessed by the following criteria:
 - Benefit to the Masterton District.
 - Alignment with the climate change outcomes.
11. After the fund has closed, Elected Members will review applications and determine how the funds will be distributed.
12. Applicants will provide assessors with further information as/if requested to assist in assessing the application and its suitability.
13. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application following council's decision.
14. Successful applicants must complete an accountability form or interim accountability form by the end of the financial year (30 June). See point 27 below. Successful applicants will not be eligible to apply to the fund again until the final project completion accountability form has been received.

What is excluded

15. Events – for example activities and initiatives that meet the criteria of the event fund.
16. Projects led by government organisations, including schools and those listed on www.govt.nz/organisations. However as noted under 'eligibility' applications from an eligible group/entity partnering with a government organisation are welcome.
17. Operational costs. Operational costs are defined as the ongoing, day to day expenses relating to the operating function of a business, organisation or entity. These include but are not limited to rent, salaries, staffing costs, insurance, and marketing for day to day operations.
18. Projects/initiatives that have received funding from Council through other avenues in the same year.
19. Applications requesting funding in retrospect.
20. Applications from groups that have not submitted an accountability form for any other Council funding that they have received.

Criteria

21. Every application must:
 - Be submitted by the closing date.
 - Align with Council's priorities to respond to climate change and build resilience.
 - Show commitment and longevity to the project.

Terms and Conditions

- 22. Council's decision on awarding funding and the amount is final. Council is under no obligation to distribute any amount of funding to any applicant.
- 23. In approving a successful application, Council may at its discretion impose conditions on applications. Applicants will be required to agree to these conditions and funds may not be distributed or will have to be returned if the conditions are not met.
- 24. Wider ethical implications will be considered when assessing applications.
- 25. Any unallocated funding after the funding round will be retained by Council, and made available to the following year's funding round, at Council's discretion.
- 26. Funds awarded are not transferable and will only be allocated to the specific project that has been approved. All unused funds will need to be returned to Council.
- 27. In the event of a project being unable to deliver as outlined in the application or to specifications, all unspent funds will need to be returned to Council.
- 28. All successful applicants must be willing to share any learnings and findings that are in the interest of growing the understanding of climate change in the Masterton District.
- 29. Completion of an accountability form by the end of the financial year (30 June) is mandatory for all projects. If a project is not complete at the end of the year, an interim accountability form will be required by 30 June, and a further accountability form must be submitted at the completion of the project. Not completing an accountability form will be considered non-compliance with the agreement. This could impact future applications and/or further action could be taken.

Monitoring

- 30. The fund will be monitored and reported on for its performance and effectiveness. Council may review and alter the criteria for the fund to trial different opportunities.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	1	Applicant	Organisation type	What the funding will be spent on	Project Summary	Amount requested	Funding granted?	Amount granted?
2	1	Fab Lab Masterton	Social enterprise	An extractor machine for the laser cutter to filter fine particles and noxious fumes before they are released.	Fab Lab provides access to modern making tools that would otherwise be out of reach for most individuals. They run open labs on Monday and Friday afternoons. Fab Lab combines digital fabrication equipment (3D printers, cutters, mills, microprocessors, and their software), experienced tutors, and the ability to deliver bespoke programmes and workshops to the community. Located at the former iSite, they are currently limited in the times they can run the laser cutter out of respect for surrounding businesses. Funding this equipment would allow Fab Lab to run the laser cutter with an extractor, filtering fine particles and noxious fumes without impacting on their neighbours or the environment.	\$2,000	[Yes/No]	[TBC]
3	2	Fish and Game (Cootes Rd, Matahiwi)	Agriculture, social enterprise	Creation of a new wetland to filter nutrients and farm run off, and create and enhance primary waterfowl breeding habitat.	They will be retiring a wet, sensitive area of the farm and excluding stock from this area. The vision is to continue to plant wetland areas to create a game bird habitat, that will help with emission sequestration, resilience and biodiversity. The Masterton district is prone to significant weather events that heavily impact local agricultural land and infrastructure. A restored wetland ecosystem will act as a natural sponge. During high-rainfall events, it will capture and slow down peak stormwater flows, reduce downstream erosion along critical river catchments, and protect surrounding farmland from washouts. Restored wetlands hold water on the landscape longer, allowing moisture to seep back into the ground. This process actively recharges local aquifers and helps maintain higher water tables, providing a crucial buffer for neighbouring agricultural properties and boosting local climate resilience during periods of drought.	\$2,000	[Yes/No]	[TBC]
4	3	Fish and Game (Coutada II Wetland, Paierau Rd RD1)	Agriculture, social enterprise	Creation of a new wetland to improve water quality, filter nutrients from farm run off, and creation of a multi-functional ecosystem.	They will be converting an unproductive, wet area into an ecological and recreation asset. Building an on-farm wetland will create a nature-based shield against climate extremes by strategically trapping, slowing, and filtering surface runoff at the source. The wetland will ease the pressure on urban stop banks, while simultaneously recharging underground aquifers to keep the regional water table stable. Its natural plant and microbial networks scrub agricultural nutrients and sediment out of farm runoff before it reaches shared waterways, lowering regional water treatment demands and ensuring Masterton's catchments remain clean, resilient, and biologically vibrant for generations to come.	\$2,000	[Yes/No]	[TBC]
5	4	Ko te Aroha	Community group	A four-season organic, no dig vegetable, fruit and berry gardening programme focussed on the Masterton East Community. 10am-1pm sessions with the children run once a week.	Ko te Aroha Trust operates Ko Te Aroha Children's Centre, which provides an early childhood education and care service to children and their families from 6 months to 6 years of age. The centre is licensed for 30 children. The programme <i>Gardening with Garry</i> aims to create food security for the community. Harvest from the garden goes into the Pataka each week and is collected within an hour. The applicant estimated 5-10 whānau take something from the Pataka each week. Decision makers may want to consider if this project is becoming BAU, and if so would be considered an operational cost and ineligible for funding.	\$4,155	[Yes/No]	[TBC]

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Applicant		Organisation type	What the funding will be spent on	Project Summary	Amount requested	Funding granted?	Amount granted?
6	5	Oxford St Community Garden	Community group	Repair and maintenance to existing on-site water storage, and increasing water storage capacity by 2,000-3,000L.	Funding would allow for the repair of the wooden platform of the current storage tank, addition of irrigation lines repairing spouting and guttering connections to roof lines, and the addition of another water tank. The garden has a social and educational focus. It's kaupapa is to enhance community resilience by teaching and empowering people to grow their own food, fruit, herbs and vegetables. The funding will be matched in kind by volunteer contributions (e.g. labour). The project will increase resilience of the garden in the upcoming El Niño season.	\$2,500	[Yes/No]	[TBC]
7	6	Pūkaha Mt Bruce Board	Business, community group	This application is requesting \$18,500 of operational costs and therefore does not meet the criteria. The balance of the funding, \$1,500 is less than the threshold of \$2,000 minimum funding.		\$20,000	N/A	N/A
8	7	Qual Chem Products Ltd	Business	Purchase and installation of a commercial-grade rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) power system that includes solar panels, inverters, and real time software monitoring to track energy production, grid offset, and emission savings. This will create a permanent reduction of carbon footprint.	Emission reduction is a critical part of reducing the worst impacts of climate change. The applicant has a goal to be certified carbon zero, meaning they reduce emissions as much as possible, and balance any remaining emissions by offsetting them. This project involves the purchase and installation of commercial grade rooftop solar panel system at their main manufacturing plant and head office located at 81 Ngaumutawa Road. By implementing this infrastructure, it will fundamentally alter how their products are made — powering local Wairarapa manufacturing with the sun, permanently reducing their carbon footprint, and securing a critical milestone towards their carbon zero target. Manufacturing is energy intensive and stabilising the long term operational and energy overheads increases resilience by reducing pressure on the grid system.	\$50,000	[Yes/No]	[TBC]
9	8	The Bittern Conservation Trust and Sustainable Wairarapa	Community group	Preliminary survey of Masterton wetlands using drones and thermal field cameras to assess the condition of the threatened Australasian Bittern bird, and identify opportunities to improve wetland habitats for climate resilience and adaptation planning.	The five year project will survey and collect baseline information on wetland health, vegetation, water levels and biodiversity using field assessments and modern monitoring techniques where appropriate. At the end of five years, a comprehensive review will evaluate long term trends and assess whether restoration activities are improving the resilience of wetland ecosystems. This funding application will cover the full five year project costs for MDC. The applicant has confirmed any funding received from MDC will be used to survey Masterton based wetlands, this is where the wetlands have not yet been analysed and data gathered for the Bittern.	\$20,806	[Yes/No]	[TBC]
10	9	Wairarapa Pūkaha to Kawakawa Trust	Community group	Masterton Biodiversity Resilience Project to increase community participation in biodiversity restoration.	Predator Free Masterton is a community-led biodiversity restoration initiative delivered by Wairarapa Pūkaha to Kawakawa Trust (WaiP2K). They are planning a Masterton Biodiversity Resilience Project; a programme that will include biodiversity resilience training, predator control workshops, biodiversity monitoring and volunteer development October 2026 - May 2027. The programme will deliver a series of workshops, field days, provide training, connect residents and support monitoring initiatives.	\$15,000	[Yes/No]	[TBC]
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7.2 COMMUNITY WELLBEING GRANT AND COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND APPLICATIONS FOR 2026/2027

File Number:

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the applications that have been received, seeking funding from the Community Wellbeing Grant and Community Events Fund. This is to allow for decisions to be made on the allocation of funding from the 2026/27 budgets.

These applications are summarised in Attachments 1 and 2 to this Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council receive the information in the Community Wellbeing Grant and Community Events Fund Applications for 2026/27 Report, and for the;

1. Community Wellbeing Grant

- (a) **receive** the 47 Community Wellbeing Grant applications summarised in Attachment 1, and
- (b) **determine** the funding allocations for these applications

2. Community Events Fund

- (a) **receive** the 23 Community Events Fund applications summarised in Attachment 2, and
- (b) **determine** the funding allocations for these applications.

CONTEXT

Community Wellbeing Grant

The Community Wellbeing Grant opened on 1 July and closed 31 July 2026 with just over four weeks available to apply. A total of 47 applications were received, eight more than last year, being a 20.5% increase.

Under the Local Government Act 2002, councils have a purpose that includes promoting the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of our communities, both now and for the future. To support this, the Community Wellbeing Grant is available to organisations and community groups that contribute to these wellbeings.

Our wellbeing outcomes are:

- *An engaged and empowered community*
- *Pride in our identity and heritage*
- *A sustainable and healthy environment*
- *A thriving and resilient economy*

- *Efficient and effective infrastructure*

Applicants were asked to identify the wellbeing area that their project would contribute to, and these are summarised as follows:

WELLBEING AREA(S)	
Social	17
Social and Cultural	7
Social and Economic	1
Social and Environmental	1
Social, Economic and Environmental	1
Social, Cultural and Economic	9
Social, Cultural and Environmental	1
Social, Cultural, Environmental and Economic	8
Cultural, Economic and Environmental	1
Economic and Environmental	1
Total Applications:	47

Community Events Fund

The Community Events Fund also opened on 1 July and closed 31 July 2026. A total of 23 applications were received, two more than last year, being a 9.5% increase.

This funding is available to support diverse and exciting events, festivals and exhibitions that appeal to residents, contribute to the priorities identified in our Wellbeing Strategy and celebrate our culturally rich, diverse district and region.

The fund goals are:

- to optimise the economic contribution of events to Masterton.
- to support events to be of a high quality.
- to support events to grow and appeal to a wider audience.
- to promote Masterton as an event visitor destination.
- to create a positive image of Masterton to residents and visitors.

There are two key outcomes that link to our strategy:

- *A Thriving and Resilient Economy*; local events can attract visitors to Masterton that in turn provide economic benefits to the community.
- *An Engaged and Empowered Community*; events provide opportunities for our community to connect and engage with each other.

Some events may also support a third outcome:

- *Pride in our identity and heritage*; events can provide opportunities to celebrate and promote our cultural heritage and identity.

Applicants were asked to identify the wellbeing area the event would contribute to, and what category it would be. These are summarised as follows:

WELLBEING AREA(S)	
Social	2
Cultural	1
Social and Cultural	2
Social and Economic	7
Social, Cultural and Economic	6
Social, Cultural, Environmental and Economic	5
Total Applications:	23

EVENT CATEGORY	
Major	7
Local and/or Targeted (<i>Events with community benefit and local participation</i>)	16
Total Applications:	23

DISCUSSION

Community Wellbeing Grant

Last year community wellbeing funding of \$332,838 was sought from 39 applicants, with a budget of \$101,042 available for allocation.

The Awards and Grants Committee allocated funding of \$102,200 (funding the shortfall of \$1,158 from the Community Events Fund budget) to 29 organisations/community groups. Ten applications were unsuccessful for funding.

This year, Council has assumed responsibility for grant allocations following governance changes.

Funding of \$378,209 has been requested for 47 community wellbeing projects. Twenty-seven of these applicants have received funding or applied within the last two years, three have returned from over two years ago and 17 are applying for this grant for the first time. Appended to this report is Attachment 1, the summary of the applications requesting a grant.

Community Events Fund

Last year event funding of \$214,018 was requested from 21 applicants made up of clubs, organisations and individuals with a budget of \$67,100 available for allocation.

The Awards and Grants Committee transferred \$1,158 to the Community Wellbeing Grant budget and allocated the remaining funding amongst all 21 applicants.

This year, \$136,566 is requested for funding 23 events, with 19 of these requesting funding for the same events held in the last two years. Four new applicants are seeking support for the first time. Appended to this report is Attachment 2, the summary of the applications requesting event funding.

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Strategic, Policy and Legislative Implications

The continued funding provision supports Council's commitment to the wellbeings identified in the Local Government Act 2002 and aspects of the grant and fund both align with Council's Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy.

Significance, Engagement and Consultation

The Community Wellbeing Grant and Community Events Fund are not significant under the Significance and Engagement Policy because the decisions:

- do not relate to strategic assets,
- do not involve a change in the level of service provided by the council,
- do not impact on debt, rates, or the financial figures in the 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan, and
- do not involve the council exiting an existing activity or adding a new activity.

Financial Considerations

There are no significant considerations as this funding is budgeted for in Year 3 of the 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan, as follows:

- **Community Wellbeing Grant budget: \$103,903**
- **Community Events Fund budget: \$67,100**

Implications for Māori

There are no implications for Māori in the decisions sought from Council in this report. The Community Wellbeing Grant and Community Events Fund are available to provide support for projects or events that contribute to the wellbeings, and Māori groups or individuals can apply for funding in the same way as any other organisation, community group or individual.

Communications/Engagement Plan

A variety of social media channels were used for promotion. Application forms and information sheets were available on our website and at Waiata House, the temporary Customer Services Centre. Recent recipients were also contacted a week before the opening date, directly and provided with the application form, information sheet and opening and closing dates.

Environmental/Climate Change Impact and Considerations

The Community Wellbeing Grant and Community Events Fund support projects and events that contribute to the environmental outcomes identified in Council's *He Hiringa Tangata, He Hiringa Whenua* Wellbeing Strategy, including environmental sustainability, biodiversity protection, climate action and kaitiakitanga.

The vision and priorities that relate to the environmental strand of the strategy include the vision that Masterton/Whakaoriori has rivers we can swim in and drink from; clean air to breathe, green and blue spaces that we can enjoy and share with future generations; and the following priorities: clean air and water; protecting our natural heritage and biodiversity; climate change action; creating a culture of environmental sustainability; and, working together as kaitiaki.

NEXT STEPS

Following the Council's decisions, applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications within two weeks of this meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **2026 Community Wellbeing Grants Application Summary** [↓](#)
2. **2026 Community Events Fund Application Summary** [↓](#)

2026 Community Wellbeing Grant - Summary of Applications										Attachment 1
No.	Organisation	Purpose of Organisation	Project Description	Wellbeing Area/s	Project Cost	Other Funding or Contributions	Last Grant Received if applicable	Grant Requested	Council Allocation \$	Notes and Comments
1	Abbeyfield Masterton Incorporated	To enhance the quality of life by providing affordable high-quality supported accommodation to older people who desire companionship, security, and assistance in maintaining their independence.	Seeking funding towards the upgrade of the 1996 Hoby Wing to repair flooring, repaint walls and replace 30 year old curtains, drapes and carpets.	Social	\$27,046	<u>Awaiting outcomes:</u> \$5k TG Macarthy Trust \$5k Trust House Foundation	\$500 in 2008 towards resealing the outdoor area	\$5,000		
2	Access Radio Wairarapa Charitable Trust	To provide access broadcasting services to the minority, disability, youth, older persons, Māori and ethnic communities of Wairarapa. Broadcasting via radio, television, internet streaming and providing podcasts from our website and the national Access Media hub.	Seeking funding towards operating expenses to maintain and develop the community programmes.	Social Cultural	\$325,144	\$240k NZ On Air \$29.2k MTLT concessional rent grant \$14.3k NZ On Air Capital Fund \$5k sponsorships \$4k studio hire /fundraising \$3k COGs <u>Applied and Awaiting outcomes:</u> \$10k T G Macarthy Trust \$8.5k Trust House Foundation \$8k Eastern & Central Community Trust \$2.5k Carterton District Council	\$3,000 in 2025 towards operating expenses	\$4,500		
3	Alzheimers Wairarapa Incorporated	To serve and support carers and people living with a diagnosis of dementia and those people who have concerns with memory loss or cognitive changes. Currently supporting 113 people with dementia. No funding is received from the government we are totally reliant on grants and fundraising activities.	Seeking funding towards the Iona Day and Out & About programmes designed to overcome barriers by assimilating and encouraging patients to participate in day to day activities.	Social Cultural	\$97,000	\$47k Fundraising \$10k Alzheimers NZ \$2.5k Greytown Community Trust <u>Awaiting outcomes:</u> \$18k NZ Lotteries Grant Board \$15k Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$10k Eastern & Central Community Trust \$3k COGs	\$3,000 in 2025 for Out and About expenses and the Iona Day programme	\$7,000		
4	Caring Families Aotearoa (formerly Fostering Kids NZ)	Supporting families caring for children who are not biologically their own. This includes transitional and respite foster carers, grandparents raising grandchildren, whanau and kin carers and those offering children a permanent home for life.	Seeking funding for service support costs for the Regional Coordinator who supports nearly 60 local caregiving and foster families across Masterton and the Whakaoriori regions (including townships to the coast).	Social	\$38,146	\$5.8k Oranga Tamariki - training \$7.5k Oranga Tamariki - support <u>Applied but declined:</u> \$3k Masterton Trust Lands Trust	New applicant	\$5,000		
5	Chance 4 Change Charitable Trust	An entirely self-funded animal rescue organisation dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming dogs to safe, loving homes. In 2025 we rehomed 27 Masterton pound dogs.	Seeking funding to assist with the cost of desexing and vaccinating dogs. This may either be foster dogs in our care, or community dogs where families are suffering financial hardship and need some assistance.	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	\$40,031	\$21.7k adoption fees \$7.5k sponsorship	New applicant	\$10,000		
6	Cobblestones Trust	Responsible for the maintenance, preservation and development of the Cobblestones Museum. We are the conservators of two of the six Heritage NZ Category 2 listed building; the Donald Woolshed and Mangapakeha School, which originated in the Masterton district. We hold the heritage and stories of these two buildings.	Seeking funding for operating expenses.	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	\$142,839	\$65.8k entry fees \$30.8k rent and hireage \$21.2k Greytown Community Board \$10k shop sales \$8k donations \$2.5k COGs	\$1,000 in 2025 for operating expenses	\$5,000		

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7	Come Sew With Me Charitable Trust	Providing free admission to experienced sewers and newcomers to enjoy access to a variety of machines, fabrics and supplies in a relaxed atmosphere and access to an established sewing machine museum.	Seeking funding for three months operating expenses for the sewing machine museum and workshops open to the public.	Social Cultural Economic	\$31,633	\$3k own contributions \$1.5k sale and fundraising \$1k koha and donations \$200 Waipoua Lions <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$10k NZ Lotteries Grant Board \$5k Eastern & Central Community Trust \$5k Wairarapa Building Society	\$2,500 in 2025 for operating expenses	\$5,000		
8	English Language Partners NZ Trust	To support adult learners from migrant and refugee backgrounds to develop their English and participate more fully in New Zealand society. Our programmes address language barriers helping to build confidence and engagement in the community.	Seeking funding towards personnel costs and operating expenses for the growing refugee-background population in Masterton. We are facing significant space and coordination challenges.	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	\$130,454	\$90.8k TEC funding \$15k Masterton Trust Lands Trust	New applicant	\$14,000		
9	Fab Lab Masterton Trust	We are an Open Lab, where learning is free of charge, bringing together science, technology, engineering, art and maths through making. Providing access to modern making tools that would otherwise be out of reach for most individuals.	Seeking funding for an additional half-day of Open Lab that will focus specifically on working with artists, makers and designers within our community.	Social Cultural	\$51,520	\$14k Masterton Trust Lands Trust (rent) \$7k Masterton Trust Lands Trust	Declined in 2024 for Open Lab Sessions Transitional Funding	\$8,000		
10	Good Bitches Trust	To spread kindness through the mechanism of baking with a network of volunteers baking treats in their own kitchens which are distributed to organisations e.g. refugees, hospices, mental health support services and others.	Seeking funding towards expenses of the Baking it Better programme providing baking boxes to 12 Masterton organisations. This delivers 483 boxes of baking by 45 Masterton volunteers.	Social	\$55,110	\$48.7k in-kind volunteer contributions <i>Awaiting outcome:</i> \$2k Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$1k COGs	\$1,500 in 2025 towards the Baking it Better programme	\$3,000		
11	Hōkai Tahī Charitable Trust	Providing free support to women and whānau journeying through pregnancy, postnatal wellbeing, pregnancy or baby loss and related challenges. A place where whānau can access support early, before their situation escalates or becomes more complex.	Seeking funding to provide free counselling and therapeutic support for Masterton whānau experiencing pregnancy and postnatal challenges, birth trauma, pregnancy or baby loss and related emotional distress. This is for a 12 month period to support approximately 80 Masterton individuals including women, parents, partners and whanau members.	Social	\$139,397	\$42.2k donations/sponsorship \$30.3k rental income \$20k fundraising \$2k South Wairarapa District Council \$2k Greytown Trust Lands Trust \$1.4k interest <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$20k Masterton Trust Lands Trust	\$2,500 in 2025 for operating expenses	\$5,000		
12	Hospice Wairarapa Community Trust Board	Providing free specialist palliative care and holistic support to people living with a life-limiting illness and to their whānau. We are guided by Manaakitanga, Tika me te Pono and Kotahitanga, ensuring care is consistent, respectful and equitable in the communities we serve.	Seeking funding for the printing costs to produce 50 individual biographies.	Social Cultural	\$16,825	\$15.6k Hospice Wairarapa contribution	\$2,000 in 2025 for Biographies	\$1,225		

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13	Kia Hakinakina Wairarapa	Our focus is our community, creating connections, belonging (whanaungatanga), and personal social responsibilities and competence all through the conduit of play and physical activity. Providing a range of programmes and opportunities, all aligned to a broader focus of a project called Raising a Region.	Seeking funding towards the Raising a Region project.	Social	\$145,300	\$102k YMCA facility income \$6k user pays <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$15k Trust House Foundation \$9.2k COGs \$5k Masterton Trust Lands Trust	\$4,000 in 2025 for Raise a Village programme	\$8,000		
14	Kidz Need Dadz Charitable Trust NZ Incorporated	Supporting dads experiencing separation, co-parenting difficulties, emotional stress, financial pressure, and isolation, while also supporting an increasing number of mothers and caregivers involved in shared parenting matters. Providing one-to-one assistance, parenting programmes, peer support, resources, and guidance through Family Court processes.	Seeking funding towards the operational costs of delivering Kidz Need Dadz services in the Masterton community. Alongside direct service, funding will support us to strengthen our local presence by expanding our volunteer network and developing more community-based activities for dads and whānau in Masterton.	Social	\$118,923	\$55.8k National Office \$8k Kingdom Foundation \$4.5k Catalytic Foundation \$3k Trust House Foundation \$1k COGs <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$36.5k scheduled applications	Declined in 2025/26 \$2,000 in 2022 for Masterton meetings, Dadzkare and Parenting projects	\$2,500		
15	Kim's Way Night Refuge Incorporated	To provide safe, temporary overnight accommodation for individuals experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity or other emergency circumstances, for both men and women. We collaborate with government agencies, iwi, community organisations, service providers and other stakeholders to improve outcomes for people experiencing these issues.	Seeking funding for three months of operating expenses.	Social	\$309,600	\$70k Government one-off funding \$20.4k donations and fundraising \$20k Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$12.5k Nikau Foundation \$6.2k wage subsidy \$750 Lions \$534 koha box at Kim's Way <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$60k Trust House Foundation \$30k Eastern & Central Community Trust \$30k T G Macarthy \$20k NZ Lotteries Grant Board \$5k Wairarapa Building Society \$5k COGs \$5k Rotary of Masterton South	\$8,000 in 2024 for operating expenses	\$45,000		
16	Ko te Aroha Trust	We work closely with numerous community health and education providers. Our goal is to find ways to assist and grow our community's resilience, self-sufficiency and mana.	Seeking funding to provide 8-week Nga ākonga haputanga antenatal classes, over four Terms (from Term 4 2026 to Term 3 2027) for expectant parents covering pregnancy, labour and birth and the first few weeks after birth.	Social	\$18,248	\$5k COGs \$1.4k ko te Aroha venue in-kind	New applicant	\$11,808		
17	Little Bundles Wairarapa	A group of community volunteers providing to health and social services e.g. Whaiora, Plunket, Independent Midwives, Wairarapa DHB and Oranga Tamariki, bundles of clothing to support vulnerable people in the community.	Seeking funding to purchase wool, washing products and clothing to provide bundles of clothing for those in need from premature babies to 6 year olds.	Social Economic	\$1,000	In-kind volunteer hours to knit, wash, prepare and deliver bundles <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$1.5k Carterton DC	\$500 in 2025 for Little Bundle materials	\$1,000		

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18	Masterton Bowling Club	To provide an inclusive, community centred environment where people of all ages and abilities can connect, learn and thrive. Promoting community engagement through accessible participation in lawn bowls, with structured coaching, skill development and pathways from social play to high performance competition.	Seeking funding for seven sunshades for the Dixon Street outdoor seating area.	Social	\$4,500	\$1k Club contribution	New applicant	\$3,500		
19	Masterton District Brass Band	To encourage, develop and educate an appreciation of music by providing a community service of making music for the community. Providing and growing the Brilliant Brass programme through schools and recruiting more senior members for the band.	Seeking funding to: (1) maintain and grow the Brilliant Brass programme; (2) maintain the senior band and its resources	Social Cultural	\$80,900	\$20k fees and fundraising \$10k Masterton Trust Lands Trust <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$20k Trust House Foundation	\$10,000 in 2025 for the Learners programme	\$20,000		
20	Masterton Mens Shed Incorporated	Address the health and wellness needs of mainly older men, through mental and physical activity in a safe environment and an atmosphere that promotes fellowship and camaraderie. Deliver teaching and learning through the sharing of skills, knowledge and experiences.	Seeking funding towards a new electricity connection to the building and upgrading the mains board.	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	\$12,200	\$5.2k contribution for PowerCo ICP and Mercury Energy by shed members \$1.7k towards building connection by shed members	\$2,000 in 2025 for an automated external defibrillator	\$5,218		
21	Masterton Young Citizens Club Incorporated	To provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where children, young people and adults can develop confidence, resilience, discipline, leadership and respect through participation in sport and positive mentoring.	Seeking funding towards the Community Boxing and Wellbeing Programme operating expenses.	Social Cultural Economic	\$59,000	\$12k Trust House Foundation <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$10k Eastern & Central Community Trust \$5k Masterton Trust Lands Trust	\$8,000 in 2025 towards operating expenses	\$10,000		
22	Momentum Charitable Trust	Supporting education and social integration initiatives for people in prison and those serving community-based sentences. Our goal is to equip individuals with the practical tools and confidence to manage everyday life, make better decisions and create a positive future for themselves and their whanau while participating fully in their communities.	Seeking funding for two, one-day life and financial skills programmes, facilitated by Life101, for up to 20 Masterton residents in each programme, who are rebuilding their lives while serving community-based sentences or following imprisonment between September and December 2026.	Social	\$5,070	Department of Corrections - in-kind contribution for venue and participant referrals Momentum Charitable Trust in-kind contribution for administration, programme coordination, reporting and evaluation	New applicant	\$5,070		
23	Motuoru Trust	Providing crucial support to youth facing mild crises like peer issues or mild depression in the Masterton district. Empowering young individuals to overcome challenges and improve mental wellbeing through targeted programmes.	Seeking funding towards the Youth Development and One-on-One Mentoring programmes.	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	\$50,500	\$6.5k Masterton Trust Lands Trust (Education) <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$23k NZ Lotteries Grant Board \$6k Tindall Foundation \$6k Eastern & Central Community Trust \$5k Masterton Trust Lands Trust (Grassroots)	\$1,000 in 2025 for Youth Development and Mentoring programmes	\$3,500		

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24	Mount Bruce Hall Society Incorporated	The Mount Bruce Hall supports the wellbeing of our community (100 households), is the heart of our community and is the Emergency Centre for the area.	Seeking funding to towards electricity costs.	Social Economic Environmental	\$1,988	\$988 Mt Bruce Hall Society contribution	Declined in 2025 for shed rewiring and insurance costs	\$1,000		
25	People First NZ Incorporated - Ngā Tāngata Tuatahi	To ensure people with learning disabilities can speak up and be heard on things that are important to them. Offering learning (intellectual) disability courses from our Learn with Us programme, these include Keeping Safe Feeling Safe, Money Smarts Made Easy, Cyber Safety, Works4Us, Speaking Up and Healthy Relationships.	Seeking funding towards expenses for 11 monthly meetings and to deliver a series of accessible, peer-led Learn With Us workshops from November 2026 to June 2027.	Social Cultural Economic	\$10,420	\$2k National Office	\$1,000 in 2025 for operating expenses	\$5,000		
26	Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre	Responsible for predator management and pest control within the wildlife reserve enabling us to grow populations of critically endangered bird species with in the Wairarapa. Delivering a diverse range of events and hands-on programmes as a lever to grow visitor numbers and raise the profile of Pūkaha in our surrounding districts.	"Masterton District Council generously provided a \$200,000 loan to support the Pūkaha Mount Bruce Board. The loan is interest-bearing over 10 years, with the principle reducing by \$20,000 annually upon successful application to the Community Wellbeing Grant".	Cultural Economic Environmental	\$20,000	"Mayor Johnson advised our Board that due to the multiple layers of reporting and oversight in place, a letter would suffice in lieu of a full application to this grant".	New applicant	\$20,000		
27	Ranfurly Club Incorporated	Masterton Ranfurly is the only club in New Zealand which owns it own premises. We provide a place for 100 members of mainly older women over the age of 65 to meet each month. Evening meetings are held for the younger members.	Seeking funding towards utility and operating expenses.	Social	\$13,092	\$11k subscriptions and fundraising <u>Other Funding for carpet replacement :</u> \$4k Wairarapa Building Society \$3.5k Masterton Community Trust	\$2,000 in 2025 for operating expenses	\$2,000		
28	Riding for the Disabled Association (Wairarapa Group) Incorporated	Wairarapa Riding for the Disabled has been part of our region for over 50 years, supporting people of all ages, cultures and abilities who live with physical, mental, emotional, intellectual or social disabilities. We support 25 riders each week providing opportunities for growth and wellbeing.	Seeking funding towards training for a third coach to achieve a Level 3 (NZ Certificate in Equine - Therapeutic Riding Assistant Coach.	Social	\$5,940	\$3k NZ Lotteries Grant Board for the second certified coach.	\$2,500 in 2025 towards a tractor	\$2,970		
29	Ruamahanga Restoration Trust	To foster environmental conservation and education within the district and wider catchment by engaging schools, landowners and rural communities in hands-on projects. Aiming to enhance ecological heritage, biodiversity and promote environmental awareness for the wider community to become stewards of their local environment.	Seeking funding for the Mātauranga Māori Climate Change Outdoor Classroom programme with educator Joseph Potangaroa delivering 10 outdoor sessions for 250 students and teachers.	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	\$12,488	\$4k Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$1.4k Ruamahanga Restoration Trust	New applicant	\$7,000		

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30	St John Wairarapa Area Committee	A branch of Hato Hone St John NZ responsible for funding and managing health focused community initiatives in the Wairarapa region. Initiatives include youth programmes, free training of CPR and AED use, providing AEDs in the community and running our Waka Ora health shuttles.	Seeking funding towards the Waka Ora Health Shuttle service for Masterton and the wider Wairarapa area. Masterton residents are the biggest users of the shuttle service with 3,801 (58.5%) passenger trips out of 6,493 for the entire region.	Social	\$100,000	\$22k fundraising and donations \$5k Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$5k Greytown Trust Lands Trust <i>Awaiting outcome :</i> \$9k various other funding applications	\$2,500 in 2022 for the health shuttle service	\$2,000		
31	St Marks Anglican Church	Providing programmes, free of charge, to children, youth and adults to chat through and navigate significant life changes with the support of their peers and trained facilitators. Guiding them through the stages of change, loss and grief. In the 13-months to April 2026, 93 children and adults participated in 18 programmes.	Seeking funding towards the operating expenses for the Seasons for Growth programme that has been increasing year-on-year since 2024. We are receiving more enquiries and referrals from social service organisations and professional service providers.	Social Cultural Economic	\$27,020	\$5k Eastern and Central Community Trust \$1k COGs <i>Awaiting outcomes and to apply:</i> \$16k Oother grants to apply for \$5k TG Macarthy \$4k Carterton District Council Com Grant	Declined in 2021 for Seasons for Growth administration expenses	\$3,000		
32	Shear History Trust	To promote the Wool Shed Museum as a tourist attraction and to record and archive oral histories of identities within the shearing and wool harvesting industry.	Seeking funding towards the operating expenses of the Wool Shed Museum tourist attraction which also houses the Jubilee Fire Engine museum and Council's steam roller in the Stewart-Weston gallery.	Social Cultural Environmental Economic	\$125,546	\$61k merchandise sales \$19.4k visitors/room hire \$12.5k grants \$8.1k donations \$4.2k wool and S & W sales <i>Awaiting outcome :</i> \$5k Masterton Trust Lands Trust	\$10,000 in 2025 towards operating expenses	\$12,000		
33	SPCA (Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)	Together with our local community, we prevent cruelty to animals, alleviate suffering and promote improvements to animal welfare. Our vision is "A world where all animals are respected and treated with kindness". Our three overarching pillars are prevention, care and intervention.	Seeking funding towards the personnel costs of the Masterton Centre Manager whose leadership enables animal rescue, cruelty investigations, community support, volunteer management and educational services.	Social Environmental	\$78,666	\$68.6k fundraising, donors, bequests, sponsorship, partnerships, events and Op Shop sales	\$7,000 in 2025 towards operating expenses	\$10,000		
34	Sustainable Wairarapa Incorporated	To encourage individuals, businesses, local and regional authorities, and other organisations in the Wairarapa to foster and adopt the principles of sustainability.	Seeking funding towards "ReConnect" the multi-organisational one-day expo programme focusing on sustainability and resilience in the Wairarapa. To provide attendees with information on improving resilience to climate change and hear from speakers on four sustainability streams.	Economic Environmental	\$17,376	\$6k Carterton District Council \$4k Rewiring Aotearoa \$3.5k Trust House Foundation In-kind hours Sustainable Wairarapa In-kind hours Good Lives Wairarapa In-kind hours Kahungunu ki Wairarapa	New applicant	\$5,000		

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35	The Kitchen Fairies	Established in January 2023 in response to Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle to provide hearty and nourishing homemade meals to individuals and families living rurally in the Wairarapa. Our purpose is to promote wellbeing and social connection through nutritious meals and personalised care packages.	Seeking funding for the coordinator to ensure the day-to-day operations of managing referrals, coordinating volunteers, and distributing meals to support rural communities across Masterton district and wider Wairarapa. This will allow for fundraising, grant income and donations to be directed toward increased groceries and care packages.	Social	\$31,443	\$16.1k fundraising \$4.5k donations \$3k Masterton Rotary \$2.5k Rural Support Trust \$1.4k Wairarapa Building Society	New applicant	\$14,560		
36	Tinui Playgroup	To provide local children with opportunities to learn through play in a safe and nurturing environment while creating an important meeting place for rural families. Many families live up to an hour from town and have limited access to daycare and early childhood services. Playgroup reduces social isolation and helps build strong community connections.	Seeking funding to purchase children's mud and water play resources, outdoor seating, picnic table, bird feeder, bug hotel and edible plants to create a welcoming outdoor environment encouraging children to connect with nature and learn through play and exploration.	Social	\$2,900	In-kind contribution through volunteer labour via working bees and the committee responsible for preparing the area, assembling and installing equipment, planting plants and maintain the space and a financial contribution to cover any costs that exceed the grant amount. We have set aside other savings for our other project of recladding the exterior walls.	New applicant	\$2,900		
37	Tū Hauoranga Trust	To strengthen health and wellbeing in Wairarapa by acting as a regional connector and catalyst, so that communities, services and decision makers can work together more effectively for local people. We sit in the "in between" spaces of the health and social sector, the places where whānau often fall through the gaps.	Seeking funding to support the Masterton-focused delivery and promotion of the Tūhono Wairarapa Online Directory from late August to December 2026 through the distribution of Tūhono notepads. This funding will support outreach to Masterton-based providers and community groups.	Social Cultural Economic	\$8,929	\$5k donations <u>Awaiting outcomes:</u> \$1.5k Carterton District Council \$400 Martinborough Community Board \$400 Greytown Community Board \$400 Featherston Community Board	New applicant	\$1,709		
38	Victim Support - Manaaki Tangata	Providing free support services 24/7 for people directly affected by crime and traumatic events, including their whānau and witnesses. Providing tailored immediate and short-term emotional support, practical assistance, information, referrals to other agencies and support through the criminal justice system and coronial process.	Seeking funding towards personnel costs and staff training.	Social Cultural Economic	\$99,632	\$53.8k Ministry of Justice <u>Awaiting outcome:</u> \$10k Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$10.8k Trust House Foundation	\$2,000 in 2022 for the local volunteer programme	\$10,000		
39	Wairarapa Citizens Advice Bureau Incorporated	Providing free impartial and confidential services of information, guidance and support to the community and work for positive social change within communities and the wider society.	Seeking funding for operating expenses.	Social	\$20,226	\$5k NZ Lotteries Grant Board \$1.7k interest <u>Awaiting outcome:</u> \$5k T G MacCarthy Trust \$3k Nikau Foundation \$2k Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$2k Trust House Foundation \$1.5k Eastern & Central Community Trust \$1.5k Carterton DC \$2k COGS	\$2,000 in 2025 for operating expenses	\$3,000		

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40	Wairarapa Fern & Thistle Pipe Band	A volunteer-run community organisation dedicated to preserving and promoting Scottish pipe band traditions through music, education and community participation. For more than 60 years the band has provided tuition, mentoring and performance opportunities for people of all ages, with a strong focus on developing young musicians.	Seeking funding to purchase specialist uniform items, musical equipment and towards hall hire and insurance costs for ongoing weekly rehearsals, youth tuition and community performances.	Social	\$20,334	\$10k Masterton Trust Lands Trust <u>Awaiting outcome:</u> \$2k Carterton District Council	\$830 in 2020 for insurance expenses	\$8,000		
41	Wairarapa Filipino Society	To support, empower and promote the wellbeing, cultural identity and community participation of Filipino's and their families in the Wairarapa region.	Seeking funding for a Leadership Development and Wellbeing Programme for up to 36 participants for the 12 existing officers and 24 emerging leaders. This is for succession planning to risk losing institutional knowledge and momentum in the services and cultural programmes provided to Masterton residents.	Social Cultural	\$2,970	\$364 participation fees \$100 sponsorship	\$2,000 in 2025 for the biannual Health and Wellbeing through Sports Programme	\$2,498		
42	Wairarapa Hockey Association	A governing body and community organisation responsible for the promotion, development, and administration of hockey in the Wairarapa region. A strong emphasis on community involvement, working closely with local schools, clubs and volunteers.	Seeking funding towards the grading, levelling and associated costs of the car parking area at the Clareville Hockey venue.	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	\$29,585	\$5k Hockey Wairarapa contribution <u>Awaiting outcome:</u> \$10k Eastern & Central Community Trust	New applicant	\$25,000		
43	Wairarapa Wild Bird Rescue	To rescue, rehabilitate, and release injured, sick, orphaned and storm-affected wild birds throughout Masterton and the Wairarapa. Working closely with local veterinarians, DOC, Wildbase Hospital and our community to improve wildlife welfare, respond to environmental events and educate the public on safely assisting injured wildlife.	Seeking funding for an aviary and shed for isolation of botulism outbreaks from the Masterton area, protective wear and medical equipment.	Social Cultural Environmental	\$18,343	<u>Awaiting outcome:</u> \$4.8k small claims tribunal \$18k Carterton District Council spring funding	New applicant	\$18,343		
44	Wairarapa Youth Charitable Trust	To provide a comprehensive, strengths-based approach to youth development across the Wairarapa. Through discipline, mentoring, physical training and strong mana-enhancing leadership, our young people are supported to build confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of belonging. Rangatahi learn to respect themselves, their peers, their whanau and their wider community while developing the skills and mindset to become positive contributors and leaders.	Seeking funding towards operating expenses.	Social Cultural Economic	\$199,195	\$50k NZ Lotteries Grand Board \$25k membership/school fees \$18.4k supporter club \$12.6k donations/merchandise \$11.1k boxercise \$10k Nuku Ora \$2.6k Nikau Foundation <u>Applying for and awaiting outcomes:</u> \$33k Trust House Foundation \$10k Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$10k T G Maccarthy \$10k COGS \$10k Eastern & Central Community Trust	\$8,000 in 2025 for two programmes; the Wairarapa Boxing Academy and Wairarapa Counterpunch	\$10,000		

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45	WanderSearch Wairarapa Charitable Trust	To facilitate the development, purchase and maintenance of WandaTrack equipment to aid in the searching for previously identified persons who may suffer from a form of dementia, autism or mental impairment and become lost within the Wairarapa Police District. To also recruit and train personnel in the use of the search equipment.	Seeking funding towards the operating costs of the WandaTrack system and purchase an additional eight pendants to increase our support for the vulnerable members of our community. We currently have 36 pendants in service throughout the Wairarapa.	Social Cultural Economic	\$5,679	\$1.2k client reimbursements \$250 donations <i>Awaiting outcome :</i> \$4.5k Masterton Trust Lands Trust	New applicant	\$4,158		
46	Yellow Brick Road (Supporting Families in Mental Illness)	In Masterton we deliver transitional housing services, helping individuals and families move from unstable or unsafe living situations toward independent, sustainable housing. Also supporting families and whānau impacted by mental health challenges.	Seeking funding towards a reliable second-hand vehicle to replace an ageing vehicle no longer fit for purpose for our transitional housing service in the community.	Social Cultural Economic	\$24,750	\$15k sale of existing service vehicle	New applicant	\$9,750		
47	Youthline Central North Island Incorporated (Wairarapa Branch)	To equip and empower rangatahi aged 8 - 18 to overcome barriers in life and assist them with the means to enable and empower themselves to be healthy and develop into fully participating members of our rohe.	Seeking funding for the "Thrive" (Hauora Hinengaro Pai-Oranga Mental Health, Wellbeing) programme which includes workshops and activities designed to enhance mental health awareness, coping skills, where to get support, help and overall wellbeing among rangatahi.	Social Cultural	\$84,500	\$9k NZ Lotteries Grant Board \$8k Eastern & Central Community Trust \$5k Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$4.7k donations/fundraising \$4.5k COGS <i>Awaiting outcomes :</i> \$35k Trust House Foundation \$4.3k TG Maccarthy Trust \$2k Carterton DC \$1.5k South Wairarapa DC	\$1,000 in 2025 for the Thrive programme	\$10,000		
								\$378,209	\$0	
								Allocated by Council		

BUDGETS	
Community Development Unallocated	\$68,000
Economic Development Promotion & Arts	\$12,603
Community Development Pre-Allocated	\$23,300
	\$103,903

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2026 Community Events Fund - Summary of Applications														Attachment 2
App No.	Organisation Club or Individual	Event	Description	Date/s	Event Costs	Participants/Audience	Wellbeing Area/s	Event Category	Event Cost	Other Funding or Contributions	Last Grant Received if applicable	Grant Requested	Council Allocation \$	Comments
1	Age Concern Wairarapa Incorporated	Ageing with Attitude Expo	A one-day exhibition for older people providing pivotal information for them, their whānau and the community held in the Trust House Recreation Centre's stadium.	14 October 2026	Project Manager, venue hire, café, performer gratuity, transport buses and shuttle, promotion, marketing and equipment	60+ exhibition spaces 500+ visitors	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	Local	\$23,622	\$5k TG Maccarthy \$3k exhibitor rentals <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$15k Masterton Trust Lands Trust	\$2,000 in 2025 Ageing with Attitude Expo	\$5,000		
2	Alzheimers Wairarapa Incorporated	Masterton Brick Show	A two-day show bringing Lego enthusiasts from all over New Zealand and small business owners with homemade crafts, to be held at the Copthorne Resort Solway Hotel.	21 - 22 November 2026	Venue hire, miscellaneous expenses and promotional material	5,000 plus audience	Social Economic	Major	\$4,500	\$6.5k ticket sales \$6k sponsorship \$3.5k McDonalds \$2.5k Wairarapa Building Society \$2.5k raffles	\$2,000 in 2025 Bricks and Wheels Well-Lug Lego Show	\$3,500		
3	Amanda Bloxham	Riding for a Cause	Third annual riding for a cause motorcycle event, this year's charity is Chance 4 Change, starting and finishing at the Farriers carpark.	22 November 2026	Banner, printing, t-shirts and koha for volunteers	72 riders Up to 100 supporters for after function	Social Economic	Local	\$2,041	\$612 sausage sizzle fundraiser	New applicant	\$2,000		
4	Douglas Villa Association Football Club Incorporated	Douglas Villa AFC Junior Football Tournament 2026	Football tournament for junior players aged 8-15, held at the Queen Elizabeth Park sports ground.	19 - 20 September 2026	Equipment hire, security, medals, engraving, certificates, match officials, stationery, line marking, materials, refuse removal and volunteer expenses	3,000 spectators 1,500 players	Social Economic	Major	\$5,435	\$10k entry fees \$3k sponsors	\$2,000 in 2025 Junior Football Tournament 2025	\$2,500		
5	Eastside Community Group	Community Festival 2027	Community festival held at McJorow Park.	13 February 2027	Marketing, logistics, entertainment, equipment hire, prizes, volunteer koha and food	300 - 400 audience 100+ participants 30+ volunteers	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	Local	\$7,860	\$360 own contribution <i>Awaiting outcome:</i> \$3k Trust House Foundation	\$4,000 in 2025 Community Festival 2026	\$4,500		
6	Elevate Wairarapa Community Trust	Summer Hummer 2027 (30 Year Celebration)	Open-air music festival held at Queen Elizabeth Park sports ground.	27 February 2027	Sound, stage, security, advertising, waste and traffic management, headline and regional acts, merchandise, donations, catering and ticketing	3,000 - 5,000 audience 2 headline acts local bands	Social Cultural Economic	Major	\$132,969	\$25k Trust House Ltd \$12.5k online ticket sales \$7.5k gate sales \$7k sponsors \$2k stall holders and fundraiser stalls \$1k merchandise sales <i>Awaiting outcomes and applying for:</i> \$20k Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$20k Trust House Foundation \$20k Pub Charity \$7k Wairarapa Building Society \$6k sponsors \$3k Masterton District Creative CS \$2.5k South Wairarapa Youth Grant	\$7,000 in 2025 Summer Hummer 2026	\$10,000		
7	Equippers Masterton Trust	Colour Party 2026	Colourful family-friendly event as an alternative to the traditional Halloween celebrations, held at the Equippers Church.	31 October 2026	Advertising, catering, activity expenses, decorations and equipment hire	700 - 1,000 participants 50 volunteers	Social	Local	\$3,000	\$600 koha \$500 Equippers Masterton reserves	\$1,000 in 2025 Colour Party 2025	\$2,000		

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8	Golden Shears International Shearing Championship Society	Golden Shears International Shearing Championships	Wool handling and shearing competition held in Trust House Recreation Centre's stadium.	4 - 6 March 2027	Stadium hire, venue cleaning services, competition expenses, marketing and logistics	4,000 spectators and visitors 500 competitors 250+ community volunteers 100 school students	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	Major	\$392,172	\$100k sponsorship \$60k ticket and door sales \$40k Golden Shears contribution \$32k competition entry fees \$18k donations \$12k interest income \$10.6k merchandise/programme sales \$4.5k shearing income \$4k live streaming income \$2.7k national circuit income <i>Awaiting outcome:</i> \$10k Masterton Trust Lands Trust	\$12,500 in 2025 <i>World Shearing and Wool handling Championships 2026</i>	\$14,785		
9	Masterton Malayali Association	Onam Celebration 2026	Celebration of the cultural heritage of Kerala, India, through traditional music, dance performances, cultural displays, food and family-friendly activities to be held at Lakeview School.	22 August 2026	Venue hire, audio, lighting, decorations, food, marketing, printing, and cultural performance costs.	200+ attendees 80 families	Social Cultural Economic	Local	\$5,000	\$2k G J Gardner	\$1,000 in 2025 <i>Onam Celebration 2025</i>	\$5,000		
10	Masterton Motorplex Incorporated	Drag Racing Season 2026-27	Drag racing season with 10 event days; Test and Tune, Bike Challenge, NZDR Series and Nationals, Central Nationals, Auckland Invasion 2027 and Bob Wilton Memorial - Dragstalgia, NZDR Nationals - grand finale held at the Hood Aerodrome.	31 October 2026 - 21 March 2027 and April (to be confirmed)	Personnel costs, first aid, advertising, equipment hire, track maintenance, travel expenses, security, NZDRA sanctioning and prizes	160-200 competitors per meeting Up to 2,000 spectators per day	Social Economic	Major	\$202,200	\$76k meeting income \$34k grandstand/track hire \$33k signage sponsorship	\$5,000 in 2025 <i>Drag Racing Season 2025-26</i>	\$39,206		
11	New Zealand Aerobatic Club	National Aerobatic Championships	Aerobatic championships held at Hood Aerodrome	1 - 6 March 2027	Landing fees, catering, venue and vehicle hire	20 - 25 pilots 15 - 20 supporters Up to 50 visitors per day 40+ members	Social	Local	\$6,000	\$3.6k registration fees \$1.2k member subscriptions	\$1,000 in 2024 <i>National Aerobatic Championships 2025</i>	\$1,000		
12	Rangitāne o Wairarapa Incorporated	Christmas at Matua Pā	Free community Christmas atmosphere event with entertainment, kai, handcrafted goods and activities at Matua Pā, Te Ore Ore Road	12 December 2026	Equipment and staging hire, security, portaloos, first aid, entertainment and food	80 participants 400-500 audience	Cultural	Local	\$14,466	\$3k Rangitāne Tu Mai Ra Trust \$3k Rangitāne o Wairarapa <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$2.5k Taku Tai Moana Fisheries \$2.1k NKKWTNR Trust \$2k Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa \$750 Te Pa Hauora	\$1,000 in 2025 <i>Christmas at Matua Pā</i>	\$1,500		
13	REAP Wairarapa Incorporated	REAP Wairarapa Schools Kapa Haka Festival 2026	Two-day Kapa Haka festival for Wairarapa schools held at Wairarapa College	23 - 24 September 2026	Hall hire, marquees, sound, lighting and video hire, kaumatua food, REAP staff and support, appreciation's and printing	26 Wairarapa schools 1,000+ school children 1,100 rolling audience	Social Cultural	Local	\$7,946	\$3.3k REAP Wairarapa contribution	\$3,126 in 2025 <i>REAP Wairarapa Whakaoriori Schools Kapa Haka Festival</i>	\$4,646		
14	Jane ROSS	Te Waiwhakaata Wairarapa Film Festival 2027	Festival of film screenings, filmmaker conversations, industry events and community activities with a dedicated youth engagement programme to be held at Regent 3 Cinema, The Screening Room, Aratoi, Wairarapa College and Hedley's Books.	28 April - 30 May 2027	Programme coordination, administration and delivery costs, cinema hire, workshops, equipment, advertising, printing, branding, design, promotion, equipment hire, festival team, technical support and guest speakers	1,500 audience 400 active participants	Social Cultural Economic	Local	\$32,188	\$5k Masterton Trust Lands Trust Ticket sales Sponsorship Partnership contributions <i>Applying for:</i> \$5k Screen Wellington \$5k Trust House Foundation \$5k Carterton Community Fund	\$2,500 in 2025 <i>Wairarapa Film Festival and Wairarapa 50-Hour Film project</i>	\$5,000		

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15	Rotary Club of Masterton South	Masterton Christmas Fair 2026	Christmas market in Queen Street (from Park Street to Regent 3 Cinema) subject to Queen Street north roadworks completed.	5 December 2026	Advertising, road, waste and stall management, recycling, health and safety, catering, entertainment and sound	130 food /merchandise stalls 8-10,000 visitors volunteers	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	Major	\$16,557	\$19.6k estimated on 130 stalls \$1.5k Breadcraft Wairarapa Donations Earthcare Environmental	\$8,000 in 2025 Masterton Christmas Fair 2025	\$10,000		
16	Sustainable Wairarapa Incorporated	Sustainable Wairarapa Film Festival	Three movies (one per week) focussing on climate, environment, culture and economy, followed by Q &A sessions with the makers, to be held at Regent 3 Cinema.	Late October - November 2026, 5.30pm - 7pm	Cinema hire, film hire and filmmaker's expenses	Up to 100 attendees per film	Social Cultural Economic Environmental	Local	\$3,913	\$300 admission fees	\$1,000 in 2024 Electrify Wairarapa at Solar-way Park	\$3,500		
17	Te Whānau Tautoko Incorporated Masterton Primary School	School Community Gala	Second annual School Gala to be held on the school grounds of Masterton Primary School with stalls, food options, games, entertainment and family-friendly activities.	13 November 2026	Signage, spinning wheel, equipment hire, entertainment food and safety clothing	120-150 participants 1,200+ attendees 12 classrooms	Social Cultural Economic	Local	\$3,817	In-kind school contributions <i>To seek:</i> Business sponsorships	\$1,000 in 2025 Masterton Primary School Community Gala	\$1,157		
18	Tinui Horse Sports Club	Tinui Horse Sports and Family Day Out 2027	Horse sports, novelty events and games over lunch held at the Tinui sports ground	13 February 2027	First Aid, toilet hire, catering, ribbons and prizes	Up to 150 active participants 150+ supporters/spectators	Social Economic	Local	\$3,638	\$2.8k entry fees \$1.8k sponsorship	\$1,587 in 2025 Tinui Horse Sports and Family Day Out	\$1,818		
19	Tinui School 150th Committee	150 Years Anniversary Celebration	A 150 year celebration and activities for the school to be held at the Tinui school and hall with historical displays, food trucks and involving Masterton businesses.	4 - 6 September 2026	Venue hire, advertising, licenses, registration materials and equipment hire	150-200 participants 30 volunteers	Social Cultural Economic	Local	\$25,934	\$15k ticket sales \$2.2k tea towel sales \$1.3k McCarthy Transport <i>To apply for:</i> \$500 band sponsorship	New applicant	\$5,000		
20	Wairarapa Balloon Society Incorporated	Wairarapa Balloon Festival 2027	Easter weekend balloon fiesta in the Wairarapa with multiple ascensions throughout the Masterton district.	26 - 29 March 2027	Balloon operations, marketing, administration, volunteer and pilot expenses and insurance	100 pilots, ground crew, event staff 2,000+ audience	Social Economic	Major	\$31,038	\$2.4k sponsorships <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$20k Trust House Foundation \$5k Carterton District Council	\$5,000 in 2025 Wairarapa Balloon Festival 2026	\$5,000		
21	Wairarapa Pre-Shears Wool-handling Championships	Pre-Shears Woolhandling Championship 2027 competition	Pre-Shears competition to the Golden Shears held at the Riverside Massey University Farm	3 March 2027	Woolshed upgrades, sheep transport, Shearing Sports of NZ fee, competition clothing, award trophies, prize sashes and hire of equipment	100 competitors 100+ supporters	Social Cultural Economic	Local	\$10,558	\$4.5k business sponsors \$2.3k shearing contractors \$2k grower sponsorship \$500 stall holders	\$1,000 in 2025 Pre-Shears Woolhandling Championships 2026	\$1,454		
22	Wairarapa Theatre Group	Asylum Haunted Maze	Halloween event for Masterton community to be held in the Trust House Recreation Centre's stadium.	31 October 2026	Fencing, coordination, sound equipment, first aid kit, security, eftpos, makeup, hair, materials and set up fees	2-3,000 attendees	Social Economic	Local	\$10,119	\$10k estimated ticket sales \$700 contribution <i>Awaiting outcomes:</i> \$5.6k Trust House Foundation \$1k Wai Tech	New applicant	\$3,000		

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23	Wellington Heritage Festival Trust	Wellington Heritage Festival 2026	A region-wide programme of community-led events connecting thousands of residents and visitors with the stories and places that shape Te Upoko-o-te-Ika-a-Maui.	24 October - 15 November 26 for entire festival with 14 - 15 November 2026 for the Wairarapa events	Project management, publicity, marketing and venue hire	120 - 190 festival events with 30 Wairarapa events	Social Cultural	Local	\$143,300	\$10k Wellington City Council \$5k Trust House Limited \$4.5k Kapiti Coast District Council \$2.8k Pub Charity \$2.8k Wikimedia \$2k Historic Places Wellington \$5.5k Donations and Walk Wellington <i>Awaiting outcome s:</i> \$90k private donors \$90k WellingtonNZ and key sponsor \$13.5k Four Winds Foundation Ltd \$12.8k Trust House Foundation \$10k Wellington Club \$10k Eastern & Central Community Trust \$6k COGs and Rotary Clubs \$2k Hutt City Council Community Events \$2k WQW	New applicant	\$5,000		
												\$136,566	\$0	
												Total Funding Requested		
													\$67,100	Budget Allocated

8 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil

9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Nil

