

Recovery Projects Fund Information Sheet

About the Recovery Projects Fund

The Recovery Projects Fund was identified as an initiative arising from the Napier Recovery Plan. It aims to support a range of projects that will positively influence Napier's recovery and renewal post Covid-19.

The Fund aims to assist with building resilience and encouraging innovation among Napier businesses, community organisations, groups, social enterprises, and Council. It has a particular focus on collective benefit.

The Fund opens on 1 July 2020. A total of \$500,000 is available for distribution and grants may range from under \$5,000 to over \$30,000. This is not a contestable fund, which means applications will be assessed as they are received until the fund is allocated or within 12-months, whichever comes first.

What are the Fund priorities?

Funding will be allocated to projects that accelerate recovery of Napier's community and/or economy and enhance wellbeing, both emerging ideas and longer term strategies.

Applications may propose a new way of doing business, a new collaboration, or something that meets a new need. Partnership approaches are encouraged.

Projects supported by the fund will directly reflect one or more of the six identified Recovery Plan goals:

1. Everyone has access to safe drinking water, food and housing
2. We are healthy and active
3. Our businesses and not-for-profit organisations are resilient and innovative
4. Our city centre and local centres are vibrant and sustainable
5. Our community is safe, fair, connected, and resilient
6. Renewal of our city respects, protects, and celebrates our cultural heritage and environment.

Projects must also clearly address an identified issue or provide leverage opportunities for Napier's recovery. Potential applicants are encouraged to read the Napier Recovery Plan for further information to support their application: <https://www.napier.govt.nz/our-council/covid-19-recovery-plan/>

Priority will be given to projects that reflect one or more of the following:

- Align with the goals and contribute to the indicators of the Napier Recovery Plan
- Address issues and opportunities identified in the Napier Recovery Plan
- Encourage innovation
- Incorporate collaboration and/or partnership approaches
- Have a positive impact on the Napier economy and/or community

- Have the potential to generate new revenue, stimulate jobs, and/or support business growth
- Strengthen community connectedness/community resilience
- Celebrate community spirit.

Who can apply?

Applications are encouraged from a range of sectors and from across Napier (including suburban locations). Funding may only be received by registered legal entities who operate within Napier (excluding family trusts, social clubs and chartered clubs), and whose project is targeted to Napier residents, communities, and/or businesses.

How to apply?

Projects valued under \$30,000: applications are invited using the online application form.

Projects valued at \$30,000 and over: applications are invited using a two-step process. Step one involves submission of an Expression of Interest. Successful short-listed EOI applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal for consideration.

What won't be funded?

- Expenditure already incurred
- Building maintenance
- Deposit, loan or debt repayments
- Bank or lawyers fees
- Fundraising
- Services or projects that are the responsibility of central government eg, health care or education.

Other important information

Applicants will be required to submit a project plan appropriate for their proposed project (over \$10,000 projects only).

Applications will be ineligible if they are:

- Incomplete (i.e. do not provide adequate information to be assessed)
- Not aligned with the purpose of the Fund
- Submitted by Napier City Council staff or their immediate family.

Recipients are required to provide a report about their project (using the report form provided with the approval letter) within one month of the project's finish date. Larger value projects may be asked to provide interim reporting.

Any funds that are not spent for the approved purpose, must be returned to Council.

All decisions are final and are not subject to review.

Further information

Our team is happy to help - please contact us by emailing recovery@napier.govt.nz.