

Te Puawaitanga – Green Communities Together Fund Information Sheet

About the Fund

Te Puawaitanga – Green Communities Together funding opens on 1 July 2020. A total of \$200,000 is available for distribution and grants may range from \$500 to over \$5,000.

This is not a contestable fund, which means applications will be assessed as they are received until the Fund is fully allocated or within 12-months, whichever comes first.

Te Puawaitanga refers to a flourishing community.

What are the Fund priorities?

We are after fresh, simple ideas that help Napier environments flourish.

Projects that emphasise one or more of the following, are encouraged:

- Green streets
- Planting and ecology
- Flora and fauna (eg, attracting birds, bees, native plantings)
- Pest and weed control
- Community gardens/Maara kai
- Fruit forests
- Art installations
- Clean, green spaces and waterways.

Projects will be considered based on:

- **Capability and energy** (Is there a team of people keen to be involved in and support the project? Is there existing capability within the community?)
- **Location** (Is the location of the proposed project feasible, practical?)
- **Alignment** (Does the project align with Council's Greenspace Strategy and the Napier Recovery Plan? Does it align with other possible funding sources?)
- **Longevity** (Will the project to be sustainable over time?)
- **Potential leverage** (Could the project be developed over time to incorporate other approaches, for example social enterprise opportunities?)
- **Supporting local** (Does the project support local businesses and/or incorporate a social procurement approach?)

Who can apply?

Applications are encouraged from formal and informal groups in Napier neighbourhoods and communities. Projects must be undertaken in Napier.

Successful applications will reflect the following factors:

- **Great idea** – project group will have an idea for ‘greening Napier’ which can be easily implemented and fits one or more of the priority areas
- **Community team** – projects will involve a group of residents who may already be part of an existing network or who may come together specially to implement their project
- **Energy and enthusiasm** – project group will demonstrate a ‘can do’ attitude and show interest in being involved in both the implementation and maintenance of their project
- **Community guardians/kaitiaki** – project group will provide ongoing guardianship of their project
- **Open dialogue** – project group will be open to working in partnership with and receiving advice from Napier City Council staff and other potential providers.

How to apply?

Applications are invited using the online Expression of Interest form. Shortlisted groups will be invited to work with Council staff to develop their project plan in order to receive funding.

What won't be funded?

- Expenditure already incurred
- Building maintenance
- Deposit, loan or debt repayments
- Bank or lawyers fees
- Organisational operating costs (such as wages/salaries, power, rent, telephone)
- Fundraising.

Other important information

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.

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.

Have a question?

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