

Tuia Taitonga Southlink



Te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga
South Taranaki
District Council

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Community Initiatives Fund Open

Applications are open to the South Taranaki District Council's Community Initiatives Fund.

South Taranaki District Council Group Manager of Community and Infrastructure Services Fiona Aitken says the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) replaces the previous practice where groups applied for money during the Council's Long Term and Annual Planning processes. "With the CIF, organisations can apply each year from July and will be allocated grants from a set pool of money," says Aitken. "The CIF is designed to support community initiatives and activities that will make positive contributions to the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the community. Applicants should also see this as a complementary funding source not a primary one, and priority may be given to applicants who can demonstrate they are seeking other sources of funding."

Aitken says the pool of money available in the Community Initiative Fund is established every three years through the Council's Long Term Plan budget setting process.

"This year the Fund has \$67,460 available to distribute (from an original pool of approximately \$240,000) due to previous grants being



allocated over this three year period," she says.

Applications close at 5 pm on Wednesday 24 August 2022.

Upcoming meetings

Ordinary Council
Monday 8 August, 7pm

Eltham-Kaponga Community Board
Monday 15 August, 10.30am
Taumata Recreation Centre,
Preston Street, Eltham

Te Hāwera Community Board
Monday 15 August, 4.30pm

Taranaki Coastal Community Board
Tuesday 16 August, 2.30pm
Te Niho, Parihaka Road,
Pungarehu

Pātea Community Board
Wednesday 17 August, 4pm
Waitōtara Community Hall, 12
Kaipo Street, Waitōtara

Audit and Risk Committee
Monday 22 August, 11am

Te Kāhui Matauraura
Wednesday 24 August, 10am

**Environment and Hearings
Committee**
Wednesday 24 August, 4pm

*Unless otherwise specified, meetings
are held in the Council Chamber,
Administration Building, Albion Street,
Hāwera*

Rates notice

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the first instalment of rates for 2022/23 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 31 August 2022.

Natural Environments Fund

The purpose of the Natural Environments Fund is to promote the protection, restoration, or enhancement of areas of significant indigenous biodiversity or significant habitats of indigenous fauna on private land throughout the District.

"Many of the remaining indigenous species and ecosystems of our District are threatened. The Natural Environments Fund encourages private landowners to work alongside Council and other agencies to help protect and enhance areas of significant indigenous biodiversity remaining on private land in our District," says Environment and Sustainability Manager Rebecca Martin. Individuals, trusts, incorporated societies, and other groups are eligible to apply. Funded project sites must either already have permanent legal protection status or be prepared to seek legal protection status within twelve months of receiving funding. Natural Environments Fund applications are expected to include non-Council co-funding contributions to the project.

Depending on the project type, applicants and/or co-funders must contribute (either financial, in-kind or volunteer support) between 50-66% to the total project cost, with Council funding the balance.

Applications will be accepted until 5pm on Sunday 11 September 2022.

Creative Communities

Do you have a community arts project that needs some funding support? We are now taking applications for Creative Communities funding until Friday 2 September, 5pm.

The South Taranaki Creative Communities Scheme provides funding assistance for community-based arts activities in South Taranaki that take place between 2 October 2022 and 2 October 2023 and meet one or more of the following funding criteria:

Broad community involvement - A project that will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.

Diversity - A project that will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.

Young people - A project that will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.



For more information about any of these funding rounds, give us a call on 0800 111 323 or head to www.southtaranaki.com/funding.



Earthquake Prone Buildings Assistance Package

South Taranaki commercial building owners can apply for funding to strengthen or redevelop their earthquake prone buildings following Council's decision to increase its Earthquake Prone Buildings Assistance Package.

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) Group Manager of Environmental Services Liam Dagg says the decision made in May sees the Council's Earthquake Prone Buildings Assistance Package go from \$6,000 up to a maximum of \$10,000.

"Dealing with earthquake prone buildings is not cheap or easy and this package is something Council can do to help towards the cost of strengthening or redeveloping commercial property sites that have been identified as earthquake prone," says Dagg.

The assistance comes in two tranches, with up to \$5,000 available when the building consent is granted and up to \$5,000 when at least 50% of the physical work has been completed.



Further information on earthquake prone buildings, including the Council's Assistance Package, can be found on Council's website www.southtaranaki.com/earthquake-prone-buildings.

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