



Resources for Moana Makers

An in-depth funding map for Aotearoa - covering various creative industries, organisations and funding bodies such as Creative NZ or NZ on Air. There are clickable links inbuilt for more information which are underlined and a full map is downloadable as a PDF. Closing dates are updated on a regular basis.

Practice makes perfect when applying for funding. Not every application will be successful, the more you do it the better you get at the process.



Funding for Creatives in Aotearoa

WHO	PURPOSE	WHAT	WHEN	MAX \$\$	
Creative NZ Encourages, promotes and supports the arts NZ for the benefit of all New Zealanders through funding, capability building, our international programme and advocacy.	Depends on fund	Various	July 2022 - June 2023	Various	
NZ on Air An independent government funding agency delivering quality and diverse NZ public media	General Guidelines	Apply for Scripted and Factual funding	January 2023 - January 2024	\$50k-\$500k+	
	General Guidelines	Public Interest Journalism funding	12 January 2023 - 9 February 2023	Up to \$1m	
	Guide	Music	January 2023 - October 2023	Various	
Ministry of Culture & Heritage Manatū Taonga "We provide advice on arts, culture, heritage and broadcasting issues in consultation with government ministers."	Improve sustainability and resilience of the arts, culture and heritage sectors Increase employment and skill development opportunities Improve safeguarding of Mātauranga Māori and support of Toi Māori Increase participation in arts, culture and heritage sectors Increase the use of arts, culture and heritage as a tool to improve wellbeing.	Regeneration Fund	August 2022 - February 2023	Various	
Auckland Council	Depends on fund	Various	July 2022 - June 2023	Various	
NZ Film Commission Growing the New Zealand film industry "We support a diverse range of New Zealand and international stories to be told here and seen everywhere."	The New Zealand Film Commission provides grants, loans, and equity investment to New Zealand filmmakers and businesses to assist in the development and production of feature films and short films.	Various	All year around	Various	
Wellington City Council "Our vision for Wellington 2040 is an inclusive, sustainable and creative capital for people to live, work and play." Artists contributing to the thinking and design of public places and spaces Art concepts and/or art works and/or design features integrated into urban design developments (including buildings, streets and parks). Artists working in and with communities in public spaces	The application is from a legal entity.	Public art	Annual	Up to \$10k	
	The project is Wellington-based and mainly benefits the people of Wellington. Projects must demonstrate a commitment to inclusivity and diversity.	Arts and Culture Fund	Next round closes 23 March 2023	Up to \$30k	
Toi Ōtautahi Designed to act as a virtual arts office and bring together the city's creative stories in one online place that celebrates and promotes the arts and creativity in Ōtautahi and the wider Waikaiti region	This fund supports community focused organisations whose projects contribute to the strengthening of community wellbeing in the Christchurch city area.	Strengthening Communities Fund	All year around	Various	
Ara Toi Ōtepoti Arts and cultural initiatives contribute to a vibrant, exciting city and funding from DCC and Creative New Zealand contributes to a range of grants that support this creative activity	Depends on fund	Various	All year around	Various	
Community Organisation Grants Scheme COGS provides grants to non-profit community groups and organisations delivering community-based social services, projects and events.	Encouraging participation in communities Promoting community leadership Developing community capability Promoting social, economic and cultural equity, or reducing the Downstream social and economic costs to communities and government organisations and events	General	Annual	Various	
Asia New Zealand Foundation Asia New Zealand Foundation is a non-profit, apolitical organisation dedicated to promoting greater understanding between New Zealand and its Asian neighbours.	"Our arts programme aims to bring Asia into the mainstream of New Zealand arts by inspiring New Zealand arts professionals to grow their connections and knowledge of Asia. It also supports the presentation of Asian arts in partnership with New Zealand arts organisations and events"	Arts Practitioners Fund	Annual	Up to \$7.5k	
		Arts Project Fund	17 April 2023 - 31 July 2023	Up to \$20k	
		Strategic Arts Partnership Fund	Annual	Various	
		Programmers Tour	Annual	Various	
The Trusts Community Foundation TTCF is a not for profit company on a mission to provide funding for a broad range of community based projects and activities.	Charitable purposes which advances education Supports the relief of poverty Is beneficial to the community and environment Promotes cultural activities, amateur sports, arts and literature	General	November 2022 - December 2023	Up to \$100k	
Lion Foundation Is one of New Zealand's oldest and most respected Charitable Trusts. Since 1985 we have returned over \$1 billion back to the community, supporting thousands of good causes all around New Zealand.	Funds are available for any charitable, philanthropic or cultural purpose that benefits the local community - both large and small. Funding is shared between the areas of the community, which includes arts, culture, heritage and environment (30%), health (15%), sport (40%) and education (15%).	General	All year around	Various	
Sargood Bequest Sargood Bequest is a charitable trust founded in 1939 by Sir Percy Sargood of the firm Sargood Son & Ewen.	The Sargood Bequest makes grants under the following headings. You can apply under one heading only. • Children/Youth • Cultural • Educational • Environmental • Sports/Outdoor	General	All year around	Up to \$5k	
Taranaki Foundation Created for the people of Taranaki, by the people of Taranaki, our vision is to nurture and grow the prosperity of our region through community giving, partnerships and philanthropy.	Anyone who wants funding for a charitable purpose or purposes that will benefit Taranaki.	General	August 2023 - September 2023	Currently grants given are from \$500 up to a maximum of \$5000 but are typically much less with the average grant in 2021 being \$1,800	
Foundation North We are committed to ensuring that, while continuing our traditional community support funding, our focus will increasingly be on working in partnership with grantees and other funders to achieve projects of greater scale and impact for the communities of Auckland and Northland	Focus areas: • Increased Equity • Regenerative Environment • Community Support • Social Inclusion	General	All year around	Quick Response up to \$25k	
				Community Grant \$25k+	
Trust Waikato Trust Waikato's vision is for vibrant and resilient Waikato communities	Arts and culture Education History Social services Sports and recreation Youth The environment Operate mainly in the Waikato region	General	All year around	Various	
Toi Foundation Committed to reducing economic and social disparities in Taranaki by funding where there is the greatest need.	Annual Grants: to help with organisational day-to-day costs Capital Grants: to help organisations buy or improve assets or equipment Programme and Event Grants: to help with the cost of running programmes/initiatives or events Individual Grants: to help individuals with the costs of competitive representation, training and development (see the Individual Grants section for specific terms).	Strengthening Community Fund	All year around	Up to \$100k+	
				Strategic Fund Policy	No limit
				Innovation Fund Policy	No limit
Bay Trust To accelerate bold meaningful change, assisting BOP communities and the environment to flourish.	Operate in true partnerships with our communities Being bold, flexible, innovative and to provide leadership Live and practice our Kaupapa in everything we do Become a climate responsible (Tiakina te ao turoa) organisation Work with Māori in a way that is consistent with the principles of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi, partnership, protection and participation.	Various	Various	Various	
Eastern & Central Community Trust With integrity, courage and expertise, we manage and distribute funds to help build stronger, more sustainable communities in the Eastern and central parts of New Zealand's North Island	-Increased community participation and social cohesion -Increased community resilience -Increased equity of access to key support services -Increased community planning, leadership, capacity, and self-determination -Increased community economic development and enterprise -Increased environmental wellbeing	Various	Various	Various	
West Coast Community Trust Its purpose is to manage its investments and apply the income from these investments by way of grants for charitable, cultural, philanthropic, recreational and other purposes in Buller, Grey and Westland.	Education Welfare / Social Health Art & Culture Sport & Recreation Youth.	Various	April 2023 - October 2023	Various	
Otago Community Trust Otago Community Trust is a community-owned charitable trust that provides grants to assist community projects that make a significant and positive contribution to Otago communities	Empowered communities, improved health and wellbeing, increased access to opportunities and thriving children and young people.	Various	April 2022 - March 2023	Various	
Community Trust / Mid & South Canterbury The Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury is a philanthropic organisation which applies its Trust funds for charitable and other purposes which are of benefit to the community. We provide grants to not-for-profit community groups and projects that make a positive contribution to our communities.	Generally, provide supplementary funding support rather than act as a principal funding source. Focus on supporting an organisation by providing funding at a time best suited to their needs. Recognise the continuing and invaluable work of the voluntary sector.	Various	February 2023 - February 2024	Up to \$20k+	
Community Trust South Thehichon that all pathways in Murihiku lead to where people obtain the treasures that enable them to fulfill their aspirations.	We support both large and small community groups who work in various sectors, and our grants range from a few hundred dollars to thousands for a wide range of purposes aligned with our Strategic Vision. We provide funding throughout the south of New Zealand covering Southland, Queenstown, Glenorchy, Arrowtown, Tapanui and Heriot areas.	Various	December 2022 - March 2023	Various	
Rata Foundation We want to support communities now and into the future - by providing a funding framework which provides options and flexibility (Nelson, Marlborough, Canterbury and Chatham Islands).		Various	All year around	Up to \$20k+	
WEAVE Is a collaboration hub - our goal is to help build capacity and knowledge within organisations so they can work together to achieve greater change for their communities. We partner with groups to support them holistically on their collaboration journey.	Considering a collaboration and would like help to set up a solid and successful initiative Currently collaborating and want support, advice or resources to strengthen the partnership	Collaboration Fund	All year around	Various	
JR McKenzie Creating a socially just and inclusive New Zealand	We are interested in partnering with those experiencing the greatest inequity, exclusion and disadvantage in four communities of interest: Children, young people and whānau Māori Pacific Peoples Communities that experience exclusion	General	All year around	Up to \$30K \$30K+ (only 4 times a year)	