

## GOVERNANCE

# Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Discretionary Grant Application

### Information to assist groups with their application

The purpose of the Board discretionary grants is to assist projects that enhance community group capacity and/or increase participation in activities.

When assessing grant applications the Board considers a number of factors in its decision making. These include, but are not limited to; type of project, time frame, benefits to the community and costs being contributed. The more information you as a group can provide on the project and benefits to participants the better informed the Board is. You are welcome to include a cover letter as part of your application. The decision to grant funds is the sole discretion of the Board.

The Board cannot accept applications from individuals. All funding is paid to community-based project groups, non-profit community organisations, registered charities or incorporated societies. Council funding is publicly accountable therefore the Board needs to demonstrate to the community where funding is going and what it is being spent on. Staff cannot process your application without financial information.

The Board encourages applicants, where practically possible, to consider using local businesses or suppliers for any services or goods they require in their application. The Board acknowledges that this may result in a higher quote.

It would be helpful to the Board to receive an expense summary for projects that cost more than the grant being requested to show the areas where funds are being spent and a paragraph on what fund raising the group has undertaken towards the project, or other sources considered (ie voluntary labour, businesses for supplies).

Examples (but not limited to) of what the Board cannot fund:	Examples (but not limited to) of what the Board can fund:
✗ Wages	✓ New equipment/materials
✗ Debt servicing	✓ Toys/educational aids
✗ Payment for volunteers (including arrangements in kind eg petrol vouchers)	✓ Sporting equipment
✗ Stock or capital market investment	✓ Safety equipment
✗ Gambling or prize money	✓ Costs associated with events
✗ Funding of individuals (only non-profit organisations)	✓ Community training
✗ Payment of any legal expenditure or associated costs	
✗ Purchase of land and buildings	
✗ Activities or initiatives where the primary purpose is to promote, commercial or profit-oriented interests	
✗ Payment of fines, court costs or mediation costs, IRD penalties	

## Criteria for application

- The Board supports a wide range of community activities but the application will only be considered if it is deemed of the nature listed in the table of examples of what the Board can fund (see previous page).
- Applications will only be accepted from community-based project groups, not for profit organisations, registered charities or incorporated societies.
- Applications from Funding Committees and/or similar community-based groups associated with schools will be considered provided there is proof that the activity is not funded by the Ministry of Education. However, schools themselves are not considered non-profit community-based organisations.
- Grant funding will not be allocated for events/projects that have already occurred i.e retrospectively.
- The grant funding is limited to projects primarily within the Board area or benefiting the residents of the ward.
- Grants are generally limited up to \$750 with a maximum of \$1,000 in any financial year (July to June), but the group can apply twice a year, providing it is for different projects. The Board will consider granting more than \$750 in exceptional circumstances provided that detailed reasons for exceeding the present limit are provided.
- The application should clearly state the purpose for which the money is to be used.
- The applicant should submit relevant financial information to prove they can deliver the project. Applications will only be processed once the financial information is received. The Community Board reserves the right to request additional financial information on any application if deemed necessary.
- Organisations that are predominately funded by Central Government must provide supporting evidence that the requested grant will not be spent on projects that should be funded by Central Government.
- Applicants must declare other sources from which funding has been applied for, or granted from, for the project being applied to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board, including information on applications to other Community Boards.
- Grant applications will be considered every month by the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board. Applications are recommended to be received three weeks prior to Board meeting dates so they can be processed in time.
- An Accountability Form must be provided to the Council within 20 working days after the event, completion of the project or when the funds were spent outlining how the funds were applied. Relevant proof of purchase such as receipts, banks statements or invoices must be included with the Accountability Form and photos of the event or purchase is encouraged.
- Where possible Boards request permission to utilise these photos on its Facebook page, the Council website or other social media, to encourage other community groups' participation.
- In the event that funds are not spent on the project or activity applied for within 12 months of the date of the event/project, the recipient will be required to return the grant funding to the Council.
- If the activity/event for which funds have been granted does not take place or if the group does not provide the information to enable the grant to be paid within six months of approval of the grant being notified, then in both cases the application will be regarded as closed and funds released for reallocation by the Board.
- No new application will be accepted until the Board receives the Accountability Form and relevant documentation for previous funding granted.

## What happens now?

Return your completed application form (with financial records and any supporting information which you believe is relevant to this application) by posting to Private Bag 1005, Rangiora 7440, New Zealand, or hand delivering to your local Service Centre, or emailing to: [IM@wmk.govt.nz](mailto:IM@wmk.govt.nz)

## What happens next?

- Your application will be processed and presented to the Board at the next appropriate meeting.
- Following the meeting a letter will be sent to notify you of the Board's decision and if successful an invoice and your organisation's bank account details will be requested.
- On receipt of this information payment will be processed to your organisation's bank account.

## Groups applying for Board Discretionary Grants 2023/2024

Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person within organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Position within organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe what the project is and what the grant funding will be used for?** *(Use additional pages if needed)*

What is the timeframe of the project/event date? \_\_\_\_\_

Overall cost of project: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people will directly benefit from this project? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the range of people benefiting from this project? *(You can tick more than one box)*

People with disabilities (mental or physical)      Cultural/ethnic minorities      District

Preschool      School/youth      Older adults      Whole community/ward

Provide estimated percentage of participants/people benefiting by community area:

Oxford-Ohoka \_\_\_\_\_%      Rangiora-Ashley \_\_\_\_\_%      Woodend-Sefton \_\_\_\_\_%      Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi \_\_\_\_\_%

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

If this application is declined, will this event/project still occur?      Yes      No

If No, what are the consequences to the community/organisation?

What are the direct benefit(s) to the participants?

What is the benefit(s) to your organisation?

What are the benefit(s) to the Oxford-Ohoka community or wider district?

Is your group applying under the umbrella of another organisation (that is Charity/Trust registered)?    Yes    No

If yes, name of parent group: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the relationship between your group and the parent group?

What other fundraising has your group undertaken towards this project/event? List any other organisations you have applied to, or intend to apply to for funding this project and the amount applied for, including applications to other Community Boards.

Have you applied to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board or any other Waimakariri Community Board for other project funding in the past 18 months?    Yes    No

If yes, please supply details:

Enclosed      Financial Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement  
                  *(compulsory – your application cannot be processed without financial statements)*  
                  Supporting costs/quotes  
                  Other supporting information

I am authorised to sign on behalf of the group/organisation making this application.

I declare that all details contained in this application form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I accept that successful applicants will be required to report back to the Community Board by completing a simple Accountability Report.

I accept that information provided in this application may be used in an official Council report available to the public.

**Please note:** A signature is not required if you submit this form electronically. By entering your name in the signature box you are giving your authority to this application.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_