

COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND – PŪTEA HAPORI

The Community Grants Fund will enable communities to create and implement local initiatives that reduce stigma and discrimination and increase social inclusion of people who live with mental illness or distress.

Please read the following criteria carefully and email communitygrants@mentalhealth.org.nz if you have any queries.

Pre-assessment Criteria	CHECK
<p>Project Goals</p> <p>The project is designed specifically to contribute to a reduction in stigma and discrimination and increase social inclusion of people with lived experience of mental distress, including Māori, Pasifika and young people or</p> <p>The project extends/expands/scales an existing community initiative developed specifically to contribute to a reduction in stigma and discrimination and increase social inclusion of people with lived experience of mental distress, including Māori, Pasifika and young people or</p> <p>The project includes elements designed to contribute to a reduction in stigma and discrimination and increase social inclusion of people with lived experience of mental distress, including Māori, Pasifika and young people or</p> <p>The project modifies an existing initiative to include elements designed to contribute to a reduction in stigma and discrimination and increase social inclusion of people with lived experience of mental distress, including Māori, Pasifika and young people.</p>	
The project target audience is people who have the potential to exclude.	
The project benefits one or a combination of these audiences: People with severe mental illness, Māori, Pasifika, and young people.	
The application is from a community, iwi, hapū, Māori, Pasifika or youth group, or charitable organisation, or an individual applicant who is supported by a community group, charitable organisation, or the Like Minds, Like Mine programme.	
The amount applied for will be between \$3000–\$5000 (excluding GST).	
The application is not requesting financing costs associated with running an organisation, such as staff and equipment costs.	
The project will be carried out in New Zealand.	
The proposed project does not duplicate other projects already available in the community.	
The funding applied for is not retrospective.	
The proposed project is not currently receiving funding from the Like Minds, Like Mine programme.	
The proposed project is not dependent on ongoing funding from the Like Minds, Like Mine programme.	

Notes:

- Applications for research projects, service delivery or study costs will not be accepted.
- Projects about suicide, autism, dementia or neurological disorders are not covered by these grants.
- Political organisations, tertiary education institutions/providers, public sector and local government bodies cannot apply for these grants.
- The project must not cause harm, stigma, discrimination and/or exclusion.
- The judging panel will be looking to fund a diverse range of projects.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

What funding is available?

The grants administered will be between **\$3000–\$5000** (excluding GST).

If an application is successful we can pay up to 75% of the funding (after the grant contract is signed and invoice received) and the remaining 25% (after the final evaluation/case study has been completed by the grant applicant).

Assessment criteria

Applications that meet the above pre-assessment conditions will be put forward to the judge's panel. Factors taken into account when evaluating applications will include the following weighted criteria:

	Assessment Criterion	Weighting
1.	Demonstrates the project will contribute to social inclusion and the elimination of stigma and discrimination for people with lived experience of mental distress, including Māori, Pasifika and young people.	35
2.	Clearly explains how the project will benefit one or a combination of the priority audiences – people with lived experience of mental distress, including Māori, Pasifika and young people.	20
3.	Clearly explains who the target audience is and promotes equalising contact between members of the excluded groups and people who exclude.	15
4.	The proposed project has a clearly defined plan with goals and objectives.	15
5.	Demonstrates cost effectiveness with a clear budget breakdown.	10
6.	Demonstrates innovation (does not duplicate existing services within the community).	5
7.	Shows an understands how it can deliver evaluation measurements.	10
8.	Demonstrates the project has deep impact/reach in the community for both excluders and excluded groups.	10
	TOTAL	120



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Obligation to return grant funding

If your entity receives funding by way of a conditional grant, and your entity does not fulfil the terms under which the grant is made as set out in the grant contract, you may be required to refund to the Mental Health Foundation part or all of the funding. This will be clearly set out in the funding contract.

Application dates and process TBA