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Informal Workshop Paper



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Draft Regional Co-Governance Secretariat Fund Policy (Aronga Ngātahi)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to discuss and seek guidance on key aspects of the draft Regional Co-Governance Secretariat Fund - Aronga Ngātahi Policy (RCSF Policy). Aronga Ngātahi generally translates to mean 'working together for a common purpose'.

The draft RCSF Policy was presented to Komiti Māori at its meeting on 27 August 2024. Further discussion on how the draft RCSF Policy interacts with other community initiative funding streams was requested for this workshop. Initial feedback was also provided by Komiti Māori, and the work presented in this paper builds on that feedback.

Guidance provided at this workshop will inform the final draft RCSF Policy for Council approval.

2. Background

Council is a member of four Co-Governance Forums that have been established under Treaty Settlement legislation: Rangitāiki River Forum, Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group, Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group and Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority (Treaty Co-Governance Forums). Council will also be a member to the Whakatōhea Kaitiaki Forum once it has been established, following the recent enactment of the Whakatōhea Claims Settlement Act 2024.

Council has specific responsibilities under Treaty Settlement legislation for providing administrative and technical support to the Treaty Co-Governance Forums. The Tauranga Moana Advisory Group is a pre-settlement Co-Governance Forum that acts under a partnership agreement between Tauranga Moana iwi and local authorities.

The Forums provide for shared decision-making between tangata whenua and local authorities and are an effective partnership tool to achieving environmental outcomes for significant water ways in the Bay of Plenty.

In the previous 2021-2031 Long Term Plan, Council approved \$200,000 per annum for independent secretariat support of Co-Governance Forums, to address capacity and capability issues for iwi members. The funding was utilised to establish the position of Secretariat in 2022, which has supported the Rangitāiki River Forum, Tarawera Awa Restoration Group and Te Maru o Kaituna.¹

3. Policy development for further consideration

At a meeting of Komiti Māori on 27 August 2024, staff presented the draft RCSF Policy. Councillors requested further discussion on how the draft RCSF Policy interacts with other community initiative funding streams. Key aspects of the draft RCSF Policy that also require further consideration and guidance at this workshop, include applicant eligibility, the scope of the funding and the methods for funding various initiatives.

Applicant eligibility

Following feedback received from Komiti Māori and further guidance from some Councillors, staff have developed the following applicant eligibility options for consideration:

Option 1: Treaty Based Co-Governance Forums

Requests for funding through the Regional Co-Governance Fund would only be eligible from Treaty Co-Governance Forums (established via Treaty of Waitangi Claims Settlement Legislation in the Bay of Plenty) where Toi Moana has delegated responsibility.

This option focuses and recognises and responds to the 2024-2034 LTP submissions, in alignment with the LTP Strategic Direction goals under Te Ara Poutama:

- Supporting enhanced Māori participation in operational activities and progressing new opportunities where they arise within existing operations; and
- Supporting Māori and community capacity and capability to empower proactive relationships.
- Partner with Māori to enhance delivery and shared decision making.

Currently, four (soon to be five) forums would be eligible under this option.

Option 2: Treaty and Pre-Settlement Forums

Requests for funding through the Regional Co-Governance Fund would only be eligible from Treaty Co-Governance Forums (established via Treaty of Waitangi Claims Settlement Legislation in the Bay of Plenty) where Toi Moana has delegated responsibility, **and** pre-settlement forums established by Toi Moana (the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group).

This option could be focused on supporting the Treaty Co-Governance Forums and/or Pre-Settlement Forums that are mandated to protect and enhance the health

¹ A detailed breakdown of the secretariat support and associated costs up to 30 January 2024 was included in the joint Rangitāiki River Forum and Tarawera Restoration Strategy Group LTP submission.

of significant water ways in our region. It aligns with the LTP Strategic Direction goals under Te Ara Poutama:

- Supporting enhanced Māori participation in operational activities and progressing new opportunities where they arise within existing operations; and
- Supporting Māori and community capacity and capability to empower proactive relationships.
- Partner with Māori to enhance delivery and shared decision making.

Currently, six forums would be eligible under this option.

Options	Advantages	Challenges
1. Treaty Co-Governance Forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responds to LTP submissions from Co-Governance Chairs • Recognises established Treaty partner relationships • Supports the legislative role of Councils to provide administrative/technical support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited scope of applicants • Potential for the fund to be underspent (if under subscribed)
2. Treaty Co-Governance and Pre-Settlement Forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognises that the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group (TMAG) will have mandated responsibilities in the future, that will require administrative support from Council • Supports the TMAG to achieve its purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of TMAG and the scope of work it can undertake is limited • No immediate need for secretariat support. • No timeframes on when this Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective Deed of Settlement will be passed into law • Reduces funding pool available to Treaty Co-Governance Forums • Increases need for staff resourcing for contract management support

Scope of fund

Each Treaty Co-Governance Forum supported by Council is unique and at different stages of development. Some have a specific statutory purpose such as developing a strategy with set review and update timeframes, while others are managed via annual work programmes or implementation plans. Some Treaty Co-Governance Forums received a one-off Crown contribution towards their initial establishment. There are no ongoing Crown contributions or central government funding that have

been committed to the Treaty Co-Governance Forums for ongoing administration, development of strategic documents or delivery of work plans.

In their joint LTP submission, the Rangitāiki River Forum and Tarawera Awa River Strategy Group requested funding for ongoing secretariat support and support of their future work plan for the next three years. Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority's LTP submission advocated for increased funding to support implementation of the Kaituna Action Plan, and investment in resources and technical expertise and/or training opportunities so the Forum can effectively participate in resource management processes. Examples of the initiatives that could be funded include:

- a. Development of a plan or strategy that is not funded via a Crown contribution
- b. Secretariat and strategic advice
- c. Technical support
- d. Development of specific action plans or projects directly linked to the Forum's strategic or implementation plan;
- e. Training and development of Iwi members – specifically linked to the Forum's purpose.

Rationale for policy options

There was some discussion about considering Regional Parks. Regional Parks are not established under Treaty Legislation. They are owned by Council on behalf of the regional community. Operationally, Regional Parks are co-managed (alongside tangata whenua representatives) and funded through existing operational budgets.

To be consistent with the original intention of the Fund, which is to provide independent co-governance secretariat support, staff recommend removing non-statutory forums (for example Ōhiwa Harbour Implementation Forum) and Council's Regional Parks. This recommendation was discussed with the Chairs of Komiti Māori and the Strategy and Policy Committee.

Advantages and disadvantages for Option 1 or 2 are set out below.

Second draft of policy provisions

A second draft of the *Regional Co-Governance Secretariat Fund Policy (Aronga Ngātahi)* is included in Attachment 1.

4. Next Steps

Staff will take Council direction from this workshop and incorporate the recommendations in the draft RCSF Policy. A final draft RCSF Policy will be developed for approval at the Regional Council meeting on **23 October 2024**.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Draft RCSF (Aronga Ngātahi) Policy [↓](#)



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About the Regional Co-Governance Secretariat Fund (Aronga Ngātahi)

Purpose

The purpose of the Regional Co-Governance Secretariat Fund (RCSF) – (Aronga Ngātahi)¹ is to provide a level of support for iwi members with a focus on contributing to the purpose of the forums and their respective goals and outcomes.

The RCSF (Aronga Ngātahi) is available for co-governance forum initiatives in the Bay of Plenty region. Funding is limited and applications will be assessed against common criteria.

Toi Moana/Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) has specific legislative responsibilities under section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002 to support Māori capacity and capability in the decision making processes of Council. This has been reflected in the community outcome Te Ara Poutama and Partnerships with Māori strategic priority. The RCSF (Aronga Ngātahi) was established through the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 in part to support Council in meeting this obligation.

¹ Aronga Ngatahi translates to mean 'work together for a common purpose'.
Draft Regional Co-Governance Secretariat Fund Policy (Aronga Ngātahi)

Phase One - Application

1.1 How to apply

A total of \$200,000 is budgeted for the 2024/2025 financial year and will only consider funding requests from Treaty Co-Governance Forums. The funding requests will be assessed in accordance with the assessment process set out in Phase 2 of this policy.

In 2025/26 and 2026/27, a total of \$200,000 is budgeted per year. The RCSF (Aronga Ngātahi) will be open to eligible applicants throughout the year pending availability of funds. Funding is allocated on a first-approved basis until the RCSF (Aronga Ngātahi) is fully allocated. Any funding requests received after this will be processed at the start of the next financial year.

Completed applications will be processed within four weeks of receiving the application.

1.2 Applicant eligibility

Funding will only be granted where an applicant is a:

- Treaty Co-Governance Forum established via Treaty of Waitangi Settlement legislation where Toi Moana has delegated administration responsibilities.
- Pre-Settlement Forum that was established by and operates in partnership with Toi Moana.

1.3 Initiative eligibility

An applicant will only be eligible to receive one grant per financial year.

No funding application will be considered where the initiative:

- is currently or has previously received support for the same work or deliverables from other Council Community funding schemes, and/or
- is inconsistent with a previous decision of Council, and/or
- does not deliver its results within the Bay of Plenty region.

1.4 Requirements for applications

- The initiative is consistent with the purpose of the fund.
- Has clear, realistic objectives that have measurable outcomes.
- Provides an outline of the proposed initiative.
- Provides a draft budget for the proposed initiative.
- Applicants may need to include a detailed project plan that includes clear milestones, budget and timeframes where the request for funds is near or at the financial limit for the RCSF (Aronga Ngātahi).

Phase Two - Assessment

2.1 Assessment process

Applications to the RCSF (Aronga Ngātahi) are assessed through a two-step internal staff process. Step one is known as Screening and step two is known as Assessment. Any application that does not meet the requirements of step one, will not proceed to step two.

The Assessment stage involves a comprehensive and holistic assessment of the application by Te Amorangi against common criteria. All evaluation records will be stored digitally and retained as records.

Step one: Screening

All RCSF (Aronga Ngātahi) applications will be screened to ensure:

- (a) The RCSF (Aronga Ngātahi) application form is complete.
- (b) The applicant and initiative meet the eligibility criteria. If the criteria are met, applications will proceed to step two.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff will work with applicants to ensure funding applications meet the eligibility criteria and applications are fully completed. Advice from respective Committee Champions will be sought and factored into the decision making process.

Step two: Assessment and decision-making

Funding applications will be evaluated on the criteria as set out in the Appendices.

The Assessment undertaken will consider the information provided in the application form with a focus on:

- 1 Alignment to the purpose of the Fund, Council community outcomes and goals.
The initiative for which funding is sought must be clearly linked to the co-governance forum's purpose and/or in fulfilment of a statutory requirement (for example the review of a River Document).
- 2 Feasibility of application (including quality of project plan and budget where applicable, applicant's capacity and capability to deliver).
- 3 Supporting information. Applications will need to demonstrate how the proposed initiative will deliver the outcomes stated and contribute to supporting iwi members and the purpose of the forum.
- 4 Other relevant considerations to the funding request. This may include whether the applicant is receiving a Crown Funding Contribution and/or balance of any remaining Crown Funding Contribution for the same initiative/work **or** is in receipt of any third party funding for the same initiative/work.

Following the Assessment of the funding application, a recommendation will be made to the relevant Manager for approval.

2.2 Decision making

Funding decisions are at the sole discretion of Council. Funding requests can be fully approved, partially approved or declined.

Phase Three - Contracting

3.1 Approval process

There are three possible outcomes for an application:

- Full Funding Approved
- Partial Funding Approved
- Funding declined.

Full funding approved

Council will require the final initiative, proposed outcomes, and budget details to be closely aligned with the application. Council will work with the applicant to set milestones and agree the timing for payment instalments linked to milestones where applicable, and then agree a final funding agreement signed by both parties.

Partial funding approved

Applicants will receive a letter outlining which funding and/or project goals have been approved. Council will then require the final initiative, proposed outcome, and budget details to be closely aligned with the application. Council will work with the applicant to set milestones and agree the timing for payment instalments linked to milestones where applicable, and then agree a final funding agreement signed by both parties.

Funding declined.

Council will provide the applicant with formal written notice that their application has been declined.

3.2 Contracting

A funding agreement or contract will be drawn up between BOPRC and the applicant. BOPRC will send the agreement to the group for signing along with any other required documentation.

3.3 Timeframes

Successful applications should begin to access their allocated fund or grant within one year of the funding being approved. If the funds are not accessed after a year, the recipient will be contacted to discuss whether to continue or terminate the fund or grant. If the recipient has not initiated a plan to begin the initiative and/or the initiative is no longer viable, Council has the discretion to withdraw funds from the project and re-allocate through the RCSF - Aronga Ngātahi.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff will work with applicants to assist them with progressing the initiative to completion where appropriate.

Phase Four

Monitoring and close

4.1 Progress reports

The applicant will provide BOPRC with progress reports on the milestones and agreed dates where applicable. BOPRC staff will work with applicants to assist them with meeting the provisions of the funding agreement/contract where it is appropriate to do so.

Council may at any time audit the initiative and the activities of the recipient in relation to the initiative. The recipient agrees to cooperate and provide all information to the Council that it requests as part of any such audit.

4.2 Final report

A final report on the achievement of the outcomes will be provided by the group on the agreed date and presented to Komiti Māori.

Appendices

RCSF (Aronga Ngātahi) application assessment

The following information provides more detail on the evaluation process for the RCSF (Aronga Ngātahi) and is intended as guidance material for evaluators.

Supporting information

Applicants will need to demonstrate how they aim to contribute to supporting the purpose of the fund in order to be considered against the assessment criteria below.

Strategic alignment

The applicant will need to demonstrate how the fund will support the applicant in contributing to the community outcomes and goals of Council.

Deliverability

- 1 Assessment of initiative: the initiative has clear milestones with dates aligned to expenditure.
- 2 Budget: the budget includes clearly identified costs.
- 3 The costs are feasible for the work required under the initiative.

Other factors that may be considered

- Has the applicant received a Crown Funding Contribution and/or the balance of any remaining Crown Funding Contribution for the same initiative/work.
- Has the applicant received any third party funding for the same initiative/work.
- Has the applicant received Bay of Plenty Regional Council funding for the same initiative/work.
- Is the initiative primarily carried out by the iwi members of the forum.

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Draft Māori Initiatives Fund Policy (He Ara Taituarā)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to seek direction on the draft Māori Initiatives Fund Policy - He Ara Taituarā (draft MIF Policy).

The draft MIF Policy was included in the Komiti Māori meeting agenda for 27 August 2024 but was not discussed. Members recommended:

The draft policy be referred to a Joint Workshop of the Strategy and Policy Committee and Komiti Māori to consider alongside other community funding policies.

Guidance provided at this workshop will inform the final draft MIF Policy for Council approval on 23 October 2024.

2. Background

Council received 79 submissions from Māori during the LTP consultation. Refer attached map. There was strong support for the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan Strategic Direction, particularly Te Ara Poutama and its associated goals.

A key theme from the submissions was the need for the Council to support Māori capacity and capability in decision-making and operations. Many submitters requested assistance to enhance and sustainably grow these skills, as well as to improve technical abilities, ensuring meaningful participation in Council processes.

Approximately \$400,000 of funding was also sought through submissions to support a broad range of initiatives to build or enhance Māori capacity and capability. This includes access to experts and Council resources, secondments to Council and to iwi, the establishment of taiao or resource management hubs, shared services, and financial support to sustain the capacity of iwi to lead projects.

In response, Council approved the establishment of a Māori Initiatives Fund of \$200,000 per annum in the first three years of the LTP to support the spectrum of capability and capacity initiatives Council received from tangata whenua.

2.1 Policy development

Staff have developed a draft Māori Initiatives Fund Policy (He Ara Taituarā) that sets out the criteria and assessment process for Year 1 – 3 of the LTP. The development of the draft MIF Policy is informed by:

- Komiti Māori feedback
- LTP Māori engagement hui
- LTP Māori submissions
- LTP Workshops
- LTP Hearings
- LTP meetings including the May deliberation hui
- Advice from Toi Moana Māori Councillors
- Consultation with relevant staff and subject matter experts
- Community Funding review currently being undertaken, ensuring alignment with existing Council funding schemes.

The Māori Initiatives Fund aligns with the 2024-2034 LTP Strategic Direction goals under Te Ara Poutama:

- Supporting enhanced Māori participation in operational activities and progressing new opportunities where they arise within existing operations; and
- Supporting Māori and community capacity and capability to empower proactive relationships.
- Ensuring an equitable approach to the four wellbeing and delivery of community outcomes.
- Partner with Māori to enhance delivery and shared decision making.

2.1.1 Applicant eligibility

It is proposed that Funding will only be granted where:

- *An applicant (defined as) – an iwi, hapū or affiliated entity/grouping, or Māori Land Trust with land interests within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council boundaries.*
- *In respect of an amount \$5000 or more, the applicant is an established legal entity such as a Hapū Trust, Iwi Authority, or accredited agent on behalf of the applicant.*

No application will be considered from:

- *Iwi, hapū or Māori Land Trusts not predominantly based within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's legal boundaries*
- *Private Individuals*
- *Commercial entities*

Rationale

The establishment of the MIF was informed by LTP engagement and submissions from Māori. Council acknowledge Māori and their aspirations when exercising functions under the Resource Management Act 1991, the Local Government Act 2002 and other relevant local government legislation. Māori land trusts have

requested increased involvement in Council resource management processes, noting their interests as owners of whenua Māori.

2.1.2 Funding distribution

Year 1

Staff recommend that the \$200,000 budgeted for Year 1 of the LTP (1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025), is distributed to tangata whenua who requested support for capacity and capability initiatives to the 2024-2034 LTP. Through the LTP Deliberations, approximately \$467,000 of specified funding was sought through submissions and an estimated \$400,000 for capability and capacity initiatives from tangata whenua.

The recommendation to establish the MIF was to respond to these submissions while also ensuring a range of capacity and capability initiatives could be considered on an ongoing basis from a dedicated budget.

The relevant LTP submissions will be assessed in accordance with the Assessment process set out in the draft MIF Policy and will require careful consideration. Staff will seek advice from the Toi Moana Constituent Māori Councillors to ensure the funding is allocated equitably in the region and for initiatives that meet the purpose of the fund.

While preference may be given to those who submitted to the 2024-2034 LTP, if the fund is not fully utilised, remaining funds will be available to eligible applicants.

Year 2 and 3

In Year 2 and Year 3 of the LTP, staff propose that the \$200,000 budgeted per annum is divided into two separate funds. \$150,000 would be budgeted to a contestable fund for medium to large initiatives/projects. \$50,000 would be budgeted to a fund based on eligibility for smaller initiatives/projects. A maximum grant of \$5,000 could be allocated under this fund on a first approved basis until fully allocated. Staff will seek advice from the Toi Moana Constituent Māori Councillors to ensure the funding is allocated equitably in the region and for initiatives that meet the purpose of the fund.

Application process

The draft Māori Initiatives Fund Policy (He Ara Taituarā) sets out the application process for each fund:

Year 1: \$200,000 budgeted to funding requests from tangata whenua who submitted to the 2024-2034 LTP. Should the fund not be fully allocated, the balance of funds can be made available (to those who are eligible).

Year 2/3: \$150,000 budgeted to a contestable fund for medium to large initiatives/projects; and \$50,000 budgeted to a kaitiaki grant for small projects (up to a maximum amount of \$5,000).

- (a) **He Ara Taituarā Contestable Fund:** Allocation of \$150,000 per annum. The first funding round will be held in February 2025 and will assess funding applications in the 2025/2026 financial year. The second funding round will be held in February 2026 and will assess funding applications in the 2026/2027 financial year.

- (b) **Kaitiaki Grant:** Allocation of \$50,000 per annum. The Kaitiaki Grant will be open for applications throughout the year from 1 July 2025/1 July 2026 and will be available on a first approved basis until fully allocated. Applicants can apply for up to \$5,000 per financial year.

The Kaitiaki Grant is intended to support smaller projects that enable iwi and hapū kaitiakitanga by contributing to capacity and capability projects that are in the conceptual stages of development.

Rationale

Staff have taken into consideration the broad range of capacity and capability initiatives requesting support through the LTP and have developed a mixed-model approach with an appropriate assessment process to match the level of funding being requested. This will ensure that medium-large initiatives seeking large funding support will undergo a comprehensive and holistic assessment while small initiatives that only require a grant have a less onerous assessment applied.

The He Ara Taituarā Contestable Fund will allow Council to compare medium to large projects against each other and allocate funding according to common criteria, similar to the Community Initiatives Fund. This is a reasonable and equitable way to fund projects where the need in the community exceeds the funding that Council has available. It also provides Council the opportunity to establish multi-year funding agreements and allocate different funding amounts based on the strength of the kaupapa and ability to deliver on the outcomes.

2.1.3 Second draft of policy provisions

A second draft of the *Māori Initiatives Fund Policy (He Ara Taituarā)* is included in **Attachment 2**.

Staff seek guidance on any aspect of this draft, in particular the matters raised in sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of this paper.

3. Next Steps

Staff will take Council direction from this workshop and incorporate any recommendations in the draft MIF Policy. A final draft MIF Policy will be developed for approval at the Regional Council meeting on **23 October 2024**.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Map - Toi Moana LTP 2024-2034 Submissions from Tangata Whenua [↕](#)
Attachment 2 - Draft Māori Initiatives Fund (He Ara Taituara) Policy [↕](#)

Toi Moana LTP 2024-2034 submissions from Tangata Whenua

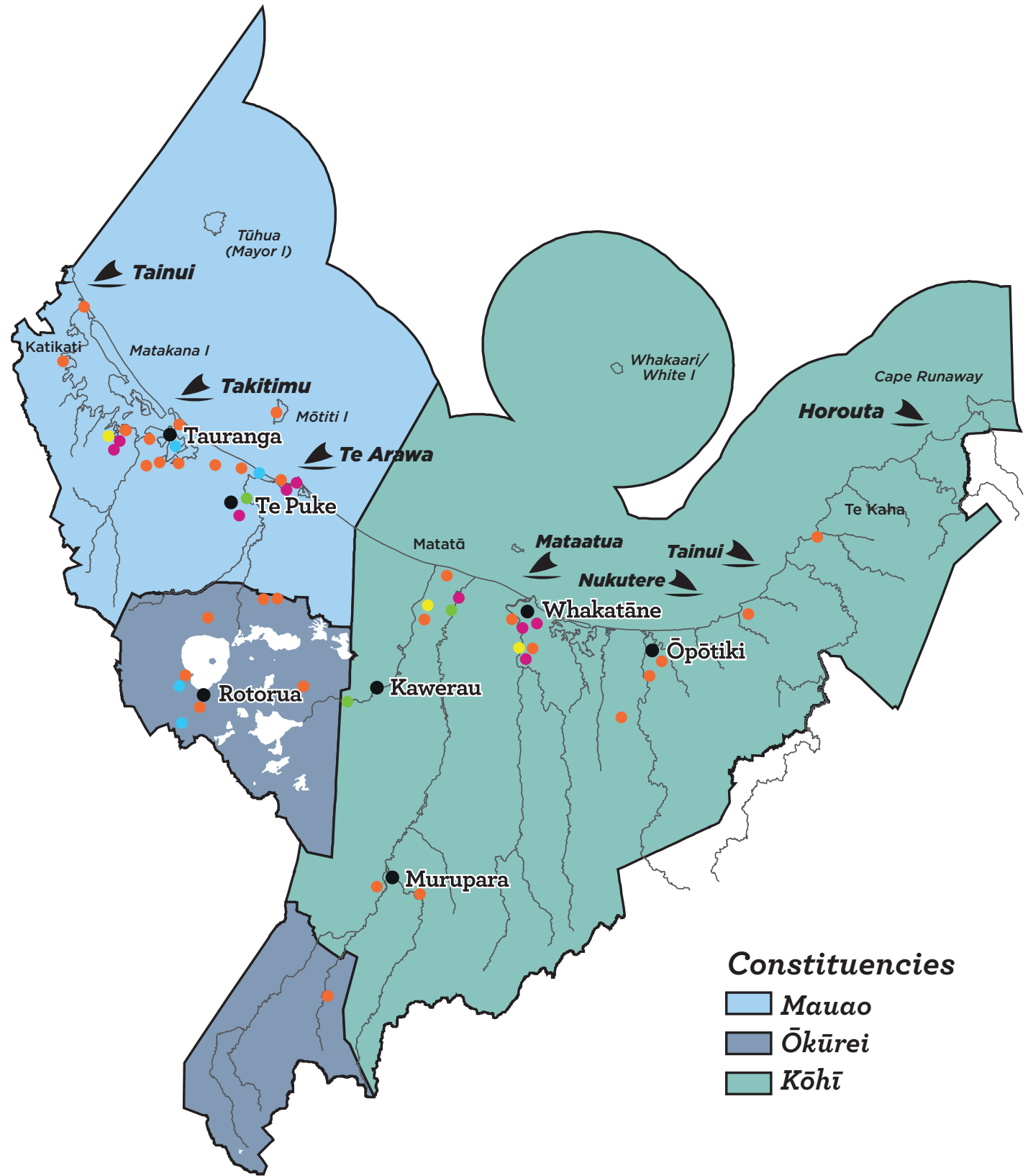
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Iwi
Ngāti Ranginui
Ngāti Pūkenga
Tapuika Iwi Authority
Te Kapa o Waitaha
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu
Hapū
Te Whānau a Tauwhao ki Ōtawhiwhi, Ngāti te Wai
Ngāi Tamawhariua ki Te Rereatukahia
Pirirākau Incorporated Society
Ngāti Ruahine
Nagi te Ahi
Ngāi Tukairangi Hapū
Te Patuwai Tribal Authority
Co-Governance
Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority
Marae
Tawhitinui Marae Trust
Land Trusts
Tumu Kaituna 14 Trust
Ngāi Tukairangi Ahu Whenua Trust
Māori Organisations
Ara Rau Tangata
Toi Kai Rawa
Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group
Te Arawa ki Tai Trust

KŌHĪ CONSTITUENCY
Iwi
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa
Ngāti Pūkeko
Whakatōhea
Te Uru Taumata
Ngāti Ira Charitable Trust
Ngāitai Iwi Authority
Te Whānau-a-Apanui
Hapū
Ngāi Tamawera
Co-Governance
Rangitāiki River Forum/TARSG
Tarawera Awa River Strategy Group Iwi Collective
Rangitāiki River Forum
Marae
Kōkōhinau Marae Te Teko
Pūkeko Marae
Māori Organisations
Toi EDA
Rangitāiki Community Board
Te Wahapu o Waihi
Te Niatanga o Mātaatua o Te Arawa
REKA Charitable Trust

ŌKŪREI CONSTITUENCY
Iwi
Te Arawa Lakes Trust
Ngāti Tarāwhai Iwi Trust
Ngāti Manawa
Te Tokotoru o Manawakotokoto (Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāti Rongomai, Ngāti Tarāwhai)
Te Ruanga o Ngāti Whare
Ngāti Rangiwewehi
Hineuru Iwi Trust
Land Trusts
Te Arawa Arataua

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- Co-Governance
- Marae
- Ahu Whenua Trust
- Māori Organisation



Constituencies

- Mauao
- Ōkūrei
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About the Māori Initiatives Fund (He Ara Taituarā)

Purpose

The purpose of the Māori Initiatives Fund (He Ara Taituarā)¹ is to support initiatives that build tangata whenua capability and capacity to participate in Council decision-making processes and operations.

There are two funding options available under the Māori Initiatives Fund (He Ara Taituarā):

- 1 The **He Ara Taituarā** Contestable Fund is available for iwi or hapū capacity and capability initiatives that contribute to Council outcomes and goals in the Bay of Plenty region. Funding is limited and applications will be assessed against common criteria.
- 2 The **Kaitiaki Grant** is a smaller fund to support iwi and hapū kaitiakitanga by contributing to capacity and capability projects that are in the conceptual stages of development. Project scopes may include:
 - Protection/preservation and promotion of mātauranga Māori in relation to natural resources and te taiao.
 - Consideration of capacity and capability to participate effectively in resource management decision-making.
 - Wānanga, scoping report, site visits, SHE Health and Safety Software NZ Ltd pre-qualification, supporting rangatahi in the taiao.

Toi Moana/Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) has specific legislative responsibilities under section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002 to support Māori capacity and capability in the decision making processes of Council. This has been reflected in the community outcome Te Ara Poutama and Partnerships with Māori strategic priority. The Māori Initiatives Fund (He Ara Taituarā) was established through the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 in part to support Council in meeting this obligation.

¹ He Ara Taituarā translates to 'a pathway of support'.

Phase One - Application

1.1 How to apply

He Ara Taituarā Contestable Fund

A total of \$200,000 is budgeted for in the 2024/2025 financial year and will only consider funding requests from iwi and hapū who submitted funding for capability and capacity initiatives via the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 and were not successful. The funding requests will be assessed in accordance with the He Ara Taituarā Contestable Fund Assessment process set out in Phase 2 of this policy.

In 2025/26 and 2026/27, a total of \$150,000 is budgeted for each funding round of the He Ara Taitaurā Contestable Fund. Council will receive applications during two funding rounds:

- The first funding round will be held in early 2025 and will receive funding applications covering the 2025/2026 financial year.
- The second funding round will be held in early 2026 and will receive funding applications covering the 2026/2027 financial year.

Kaitiaki Grant

The Kaitiaki Grant is open for applications throughout the year from 1 July 2025 (tbc).

A total of \$50,000 is budgeted for allocation via the Kaitiaki Grant in the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 financial years. Funding will be available on a first approved basis until fully allocated.

Completed applications will be processed within four weeks of receiving the application.

1.2 Applicant eligibility

Funding will only be granted where:

- An applicant (defined as) - an iwi, hapū or affiliated entity/grouping, or Māori Land Trust with land interests within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council boundaries.
- In respect of an amount \$5000 or more, the applicant is an established legal entity such as a Hapū Trust, Iwi Authority, or accredited agent on behalf of the applicant.

No application will be considered from:

- Iwi, hapū or Māori Land Trusts not predominantly based within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's legal boundaries.
- Private individuals
- Commercial entities.

1.3 Project eligibility

An applicant will only be eligible to receive one grant per financial year.

No funding application will be considered where the initiative:

- is currently or has previously received support for the same work or deliverables from other Council Community funding schemes, and/or
- is inconsistent with a previous decision of Council, and/or
- does not deliver its results within the Bay of Plenty region.

1.4 Requirements for applications

- The initiative is consistent with the purpose of the fund.
- Has clear, realistic objectives that have measurable outcomes.
- Provides an outline of the project plan.
- Provides a draft budget of the project plan.
- Applicants to the He Ara Taituarā Contestable Fund may need to include a detailed project plan that includes clear milestones, budget and timeframes where the request for funds is near or at the financial limit for the He Ara Taituarā Fund.

Phase Two - Assessment

2.1 Assessment process

He Ara Taituarā Contestable Fund

Applications to the He Ara Taituara Contestable Fund are assessed through a two-step internal staff process. Step one is known as Screening and step two is known as Assessment. Any application that does not meet the requirements of step one, will not proceed to step two.

The Assessment stage involves relevant staff undertaking a comprehensive and holistic assessment of the application based on the criteria.

All evaluation records will be stored digitally and retained as records.

Step one: Screening

All He Ara Taituarā Contestable Fund applications will be screened to ensure:

- (a) The He Ara Taituarā Contestable Fund application form is complete and has been received by the closing date of the funding round.
- (b) The applicant and initiative meet the eligibility criteria. If the criteria are met, applications will proceed to step two.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff will work with applicants to ensure funding applications meet the eligibility criteria and applications are fully completed.

Step two: Assessment and decision-making

Funding applications will be evaluated on the criteria as set out in the Appendices.

The Assessment undertaken by relevant staff will consider the information provided in the application form with a focus on:

- 1 Alignment to the purpose of the Fund, Council community outcomes and goals.
- 2 Feasibility of application (including quality of project plan and budget, applicant's capacity and capability to deliver).
- 3 Supporting information. Applications will need to demonstrate how the proposed initiative will deliver the outcomes stated and contribute to building Māori capability and capacity.

Staff will seek advice from the Toi Moana Constituent Māori Councillors to ensure the funding is allocated equitably in the region and for initiatives that meet the purpose of the fund.

Following the Assessment of the Funding Applications, staff will provide a recommendation to the relevant Manager for approval.

Kaitiaki Grant

Applications to the Kaitiaki Grant are assessed through a two-step internal staff process. All submissions will be evaluated by Te Amorangi against common criteria.

Step one: Screening

All Kaitiaki Grant applications will be screened to check that it meets the eligibility criteria, and the application is complete. If the criteria are met, applications will proceed to step two.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff will work with applicants to ensure funding applications meet the eligibility criteria and applications are fully completed.

Step two: Assessment and decision-making

Stage two is an assessment of the application. If the requirements of the Kaitiaki Grant are met, a recommendation will be made to the relevant Manager and/or Team Leader who has the appropriate financial delegation.

2.2 Decision making

Funding decisions are at the sole discretion of Council. Funding requests can be fully approved, partially approved or declined.

Phase Three - Contracting

3.1 Approval process

There are three possible outcomes for an application:

- Full Funding Approved
- Partial Funding Approved
- Funding declined.

Full funding approved

Council will require the final project plan, proposed outcomes, and budget details to be closely aligned with the application. Council will work with the applicant to set milestones and agree the timing for payment instalments linked to milestones where applicable, and then agree a final funding agreement signed by both parties.

Partial funding approved

Applicants will receive a letter outlining which funding and project goals have been approved. Council will then require the final project plan, proposed outcome, and budget details to be closely aligned with the application. Council will work with the applicant to set milestones and agree the timing for payment instalments linked to milestones where applicable, and then agree a final funding agreement signed by both parties.

Funding declined.

Council will provide the applicant with formal written notice that their application has been declined.

3.2 Contracting

A funding agreement or contract will be drawn up between BOPRC and the successful applicant. BOPRC will send the agreement to the group for signing along with any other required documentation.

3.3 Project timeframes

Successful applications should begin to access their allocated fund or grant within one year of the funding being approved. If the funds are not accessed after a year, the recipient will be contacted to discuss whether to continue or terminate the fund or grant. If the recipient has not initiated a plan to begin the project and/or the project is no longer viable, Council has the discretion to withdraw funds from the project and re-allocate through the He Ara Taituarā Contestable Fund or Kaitiaki Grant.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff will work with applicants to assist them with progressing the project to completion where appropriate.

Phase Four

Monitoring and close

4.1 Progress reports

The applicant will provide BOPRC with progress reports on the milestones and agreed dates where applicable. BOPRC staff will work with applicants to assist them with meeting the provisions of the funding agreement/contract where it is appropriate to do so.

Council may at any time audit the project and the activities of the recipient in relation to the project. The recipient agrees to cooperate and provide all information to the Council that it requests as part of any such audit.

4.2 Final report

A final report on the achievement of the outcomes will be provided by the group on the agreed date and presented to Komiti Māori. A summary of the outcomes will also be added to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website.

Appendices

He Ara Taituarā Contestable Fund application assessment

The following information provides more detail on the evaluation process for the He Ara Taituarā Contestable Fund and is intended as guidance material for evaluators.

Funding applications will be considered against the criteria and indicative weightings set out in the table below. Applications that provide information and evidence to support each Criteria will receive a higher rating for each area.

Strategic alignment (60 Points total)

Contribution to purpose of fund

Applications will need to demonstrate through the assessment criteria set out below how they aim to contribute to building Māori capacity and capability: (20 points)

Weak	Low	Good	Excellent
e.g. No logical or explicit linkage between the initiative and how it will build capacity and capability.	Hypothetical but logical link between the initiative and how it will build capacity and capability.	Some published evidence of similar initiatives building capacity and capability.	Peer-reviewed evidence of similar initiatives building capacity and capability.

Contribution to Te Ara Poutama

How will this proposal contribute to Te Ara Poutama and its goals? (20 points)

Contribution	Outcome
Example: Te Ara Poutama	Example: Iwi will employ a dedicated resource in their taiao unit for environmental monitoring and responding to resource consent applications in their rohe.

Contribution to other community outcomes

How will this proposal contribute to other community outcomes and goals of Council? (20 points)

Contribution	Outcome
Example: Future ready communities/He hapori mata-hī awatea	Example: Hapū are implementing actions in a Climate Change Strategy and are building the capability of hapū members to undertake this mahi, using the support of scientists and experts.

Deliverability (40 Points total)

Project plan assessment

Where on the following scale does the proposal's project plan fit? (10 points)

Weak	Low	Good	Excellent
No plan or list of deliverables with no dates	Some milestones and dates indicated	Clear milestones with clear dates aligned to expenditure.	Clear milestones with clear dates identified aligned to expenditure, demonstrated history of deliverability

Budget

Where on the following scale does the proposal's project plan fit? (10 points)

Weak	Low	Good	Excellent
Budget is a vague request covering general expenses	Budget includes clearly identified costs	Budget includes clearly identified costs that are feasible for the quantum of work required	Budget includes clearly identified costs that are feasible for the quantum of work required supported by relevant experience and history of delivery.

Overall feasibility

Where on the following scale does the proposal's project plan fit? (20 points)

Weak	Low	Good	Excellent
			Project has a clear purpose, supported by a strong project plan and realistic budget. The applicant has appropriate skills and experience and a track record of delivery.

Kaitiaki Grant application assessment

The following information provides additional detail on the evaluation process for the Kaitiaki Grant and are intended as guidance material for evaluators.

Supporting information

Applicants will need to demonstrate how they aim to contribute to supporting the purpose of the fund in order to be considered against the assessment criteria below:

Strategic alignment

The applicant will need to demonstrate how the grant will support the applicant in contributing to the community outcomes and goals of Council.

Deliverability

- 1 Project Plan assessment: the project plan has clear milestones with dates aligned to expenditure.
- 2 Budget: the budget includes clearly identified costs.
- 3 The costs are feasible for the work required under the project.

Other factors that may be considered

- Does Council have an existing relationship with the applicant.
- Has the project received funding from other Bay of Plenty Regional Council funding for the same work.
- Is the project primarily carried out by the iwi or hapū (not by another agency).
- Is there involvement of pūkenga or kaumātua.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Community Funding Review 2024 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



Joint Strategy & Policy Committee and Komiti Māori
Workshop - 3 October 2024





Tō mātou aronga rautaki

Our strategic direction



Te pae tawhiti

Ka eke panuku, ka eke ngātahi Te Moana a Toi - mō te taiao, mō ngā tāngata

Our vision

Bay of Plenty Thriving Together - mō te taiao, mō ngā tāngata

Te whāinga

E tū ai, e wana ai te rohe o Te Moana a Toi, he manawaroa, he ora, he mauri tū roa

Our mission

To create and enhance a resilient, healthy and sustainable Bay of Plenty region

Our community outcomes

HUANGA HAPORI 1 He taiao ora COMMUNITY OUTCOME 1 A healthy environment	HUANGA HAPORI 2 He hapori mata-hī awatea COMMUNITY OUTCOME 2 Future ready communities	HUANGA HAPORI 3 Ngā hapori e honoa ana, e whakamanatia ana hoki COMMUNITY OUTCOME 3 Connected and enabled communities	HUANGA HAPORI 4 He whanaketanga mauri tū roa COMMUNITY OUTCOME 4 Sustainable development	HUANGA HAPORI 5 Te Ara Poutama COMMUNITY OUTCOME 5 The Pursuit of Excellence*
Ka whakaū, ka whakawana mātou i te talao kikokiko me ngā pūnaha rauropi māori mō o mātou hapori mēngā whakatupuranga o āpōpō. Ka tautokohoki mātou i ētahi atu ki te mahi i ēnei mahi. We maintain and enhance our physical environment and natural ecosystems for our communities and future generations. We support others to do the same.	Ka arataki, ka tautoko ā mātou mahi ki Te Moana a Toi te whakapakaritanga o te tū ki ngā mōreareatanga māori, ā, kia pai ai te tauritanga mauri ora ki te āpōpō puhanga-waro iti. Our work in the Bay of Plenty guides and supports improved resilience to natural hazards and an equitable and sustainable transition to a low emissions future.	Ka awhina mātou ki te hanga hapori tūhonohono, hapori mauri tū roa. We help provide connected and sustainable communities.	Ka tautoko, ka manaaki hoki mātou i te whanaketanga mauri tū roa. We support and advocate for sustainable development.	Te mahi tahi ki te tangata whenua me te hapori ki te anamata taurikura me te anamta tautika. Partnering with tangata whenua and community towards a prosperous and equitable regional future. <small>*Whilst not a direct translation, 'Pursuit of Excellence' is a close approximation to 'Te Ara Poutama'. Te Ara Poutama has its origins in Te Ao Māori and references the pathway accorded by Tāne to retrieve the three baskets of knowledge that represent humanity's consciousness. From a contemporary perspective, Te Ara Poutama serves to inspire a commitment to innovation, excellence, and continuous improvement.</small>

Ngā kalwhakakaha Whakatinanatanga Haumitanga Whakahoanga me te whai wāhitanga	Enablers Delivery Investment Partnership and engagement	Ā mātou mahi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whai ai mātou ki te whakapakari i te rohe Ka kimi mātou i ngā kaupapa pāhekoheko, ā, ka mahi tahi hoki ki ētahi Ta mātou e mahi ai, mahia paitia ai He pai rawa ā mātou ratonga kiritaki 	How we work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We look to add value regionally We seek integrated solutions and we collaborate What we do, we do well We provide great customer service
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Ō mātou mātāpono

- Whakapono
- Ngākau Pono
- Hautoa
- Manaakitanga
- Kotahitanga
- Whanaungatanga

Our values

- Trust
- Integrity
- Courage
- Showing care and respect
- Working together as one
- Forming and maintaining relationships and strengthening ties with communities

Our wellbeings



Integration of Community Funding Schemes – How we work

Ā mātou mahi

- Whai ai mātou ki te whakapakari i te rohe
 - Ka kimi mātou i ngā kaupapa pāhekoheko, ā, ka mahi tahi hoki ki ētahi
 - Tā mātou e mahi ai, mahia paitia ai
 - He pai rawa ā mātou ratonga kiritaki
- Whakamana ai mātou i ngā herenga ki ngā Iwi Māori
 - Taki ai mātou i ngā mahi atamai hou, ā, kaore e wehi ki te whai huarahi ke kia oti ai te mahi
 - Whakamahia ai mātou i ngā korero whai tikanga, tae atu ki te hangarau me te mātauranga Māori

How we work

- We look to add value regionally
 - We seek integrated solutions and we collaborate
 - What we do, we do well
 - We provide great customer service
- We honour our obligations to Māori
 - We innovate and are not afraid to do things differently
 - We use robust information, including technology and mātauranga Māori





Integrated approach to managing community funding (How we work)

Council staff take actions to help ensure Community Funding is managed:

- a) In alignment with the specific fund's intended purpose
- b) In an integrated, cross-council manner
- c) To ensure projects deliver value for money and deliver against Council's Community Outcomes.

Actions as part of 'How we work'

1. Common fund design and operation principles across Funds
2. Integrated Customer experience/user experience
3. Accountability and Reporting to Council



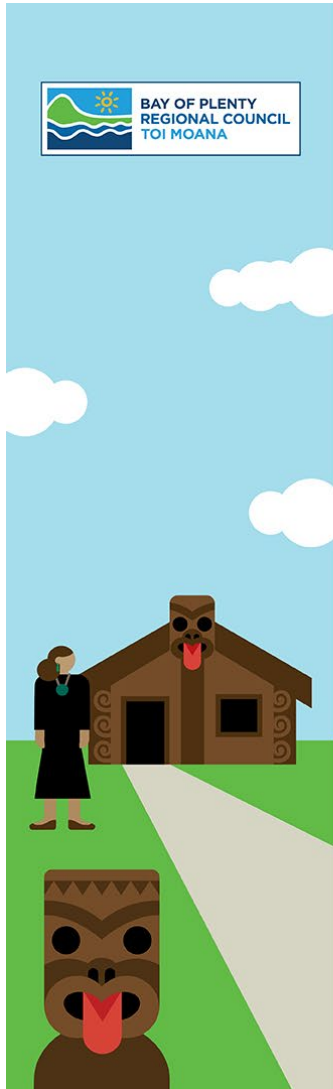
1 – Apply common fund design and operation principles

Common fund design principles	Proposed new or enhanced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All projects that receive Council funding must support and/or enhance the work of Council and align to at least one Council Community Outcome. Funding applications will be considered through the Community Fund where it has the strongest alignment. <p><i>E.g. if a CIF Application is received, and the project aligns more clearly with EEF, the project will be transferred for consideration under the EEF.</i></p> Funding applications may not receive funding from more than one Council fund (or from external sources) for the same work. Council may at its sole discretion, consider co-funding options from more than one community funding scheme or Council Activity budget, where this supports wider Council outcomes. <p><i>E.g. where a project delivers work across multiple outcome areas, some aspects may be eligible under one fund and other aspects might align with another fund or activity.</i></p> The greater the value of funding allocated and/or complexity of project, the greater the level of monitoring and staff involvement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful applications must be able to demonstrate value for money, have the most impact, and be based on deliverables.



Guidance sought

- 1 – Common fund design and operation principles
 - Feedback on the principles outlined?
 - Are there any key areas missing, or that Councillors would like further information on? E.g. brought to 30 October workshop

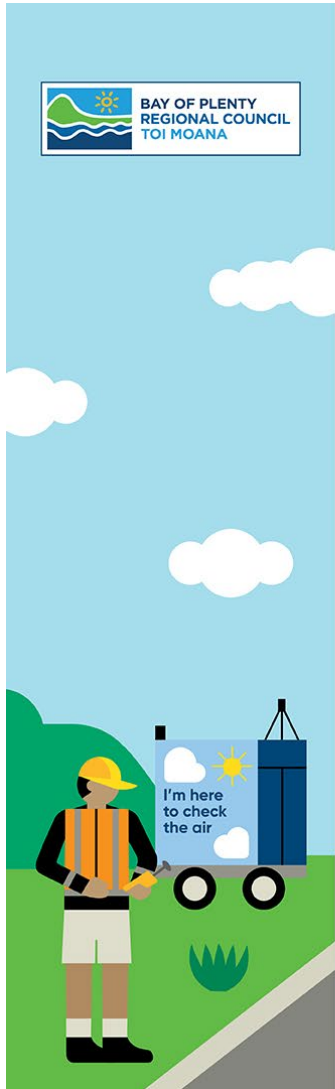


2 - Deliver an integrated Customer experience/user experience

Existing	Early ideas for new/enhanced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information available in one place – the Community Funding Page of our website. • Staff provide advice and assistance for applicants – includes advising on applicable funding, feedback on draft applications. • Information and Promotion for individual Funds, including media releases, case studies etc. • ‘A Helping Hand’ guide - publish guide on funding programmes across the region. Includes other Councils and Regional Funders as well. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop overarching Communications and Engagement Plan for Community Funding programmes, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent key messaging across funds • Standardise website content, develop updated flyers, fact sheets etc • Assign key spokesperson to be the face and voice for Community Funding • Improve funding application process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent format for Funding Policies and Funding Applications Forms. • Funding Navigator - enhanced support to assist funding applicants to complete funding applications – similar concept to the ‘Friend of a submitter service’. • Explore dedicated grants system e.g. SmartyGrants. TO provide a streamlined application process for applicants – similar to TCC, WBOPDC, TECT etc.



3 - Accountability and Reporting to Council



Existing	Proposed new or enhanced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular contact with funding recipients • Review project progress against funding deliverables prior to releasing funding instalments. • Site visits to funded projects. • Cross team co-ordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross team input when developing new or reviewing existing funding programmes. • Share information internally, and where possible externally, on funding applications, to manage risk of multiple applications for same project. • Reporting to Council on Community Funding, previously as part of Community Participation Action Plan (now ended) plus programme specific reporting. • Adhoc invites to applicants who receive funding to present to council on their projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual reporting to Council on CIF, VIF, EEF, MIF funds – to Monitoring and Operations, replacing previous Community Participation Action Plan reporting. • Explore arranging more site visits to project sites with Councillors to enhance Councillor visibility of projects and impacts.

Summary of Community Funding Schemes under review





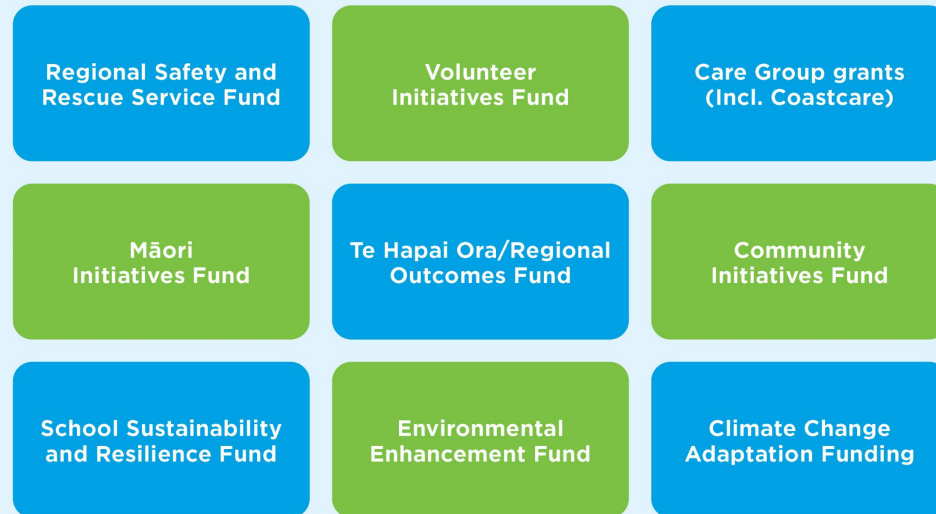
Types of Community Funding

Community funding supports a wide range of Council Activities

Examples include:

- Regional Infrastructure Funding
e.g. Rotorua Museum
- Iwi Management Plan Funding
- Rotorua Lakes Incentives Scheme Funding
- Environmental Programmes (land owners)
- Freshwater Implementation Funding
- Regional Co-governance Secretariat Support Fund
- One-off Council allocations
e.g. TKR, TALT.
- Scholarships

Grant funding for Community led Projects and Services



KEY: Funds identified for review



Community Funds that apply across all Community Outcomes

Community Outcome	Community Initiatives Fund					Te Hapai ora/Regional				
	HE	FRC	CEC	SD	TAP	HE	FRC	CEC	SD	TAP
Annual Budget (set by Council)	\$300,000					\$38,000				
Maximum grant	Council decision					\$2,500				
Allocation decision	Council					Council Staff				
Type of Fund	Triennial funding round					On application				
Typically oversubscribed	Yes					Yes				

Funds focused on Healthy environment and Connected and Enabled Communities (Environmental Volunteering)

Community Outcome	Environmental Enhancement Fund				Volunteer Initiatives Fund				School Sustainability and				Care Group grants			
	HE	FRC	CEC	SD	HE	FRC	CEC	SD	HE	FRC	CEC	SD	HE	FRC	CEC	SD
Annual Budget (set by Council)	\$300,000				\$285,000				\$35,000				\$880,000			
Maximum grant	\$25,000				Council decision				\$5,000				\$10,000			
Allocation decision	Council Staff				Council				Participatory budgeting				Council Staff			
Type of Fund	On application				Triennial funding round				Annual Funding round				On application			
Typically oversubscribed	Varies				Yes				Yes				Yes			

Funds focused on Future Ready Communities

Community Outcome	Climate Change Adaptation				Regional Safety and Rescue			
	FRC	CEC	SD	TAP	FRC	CEC	SD	TAP
Annual Budget (set by Council)	\$120,000				\$620,000			
Maximum grant	\$20,000				Council decision			
Allocation decision	Council Staff				CDEMG Committee			
Type of Fund	On application				Triennial funding round			
Typically oversubscribed	Varies				Yes			

Funds focused on Te Ara Poutama

Community Outcome	Māori Initiatives Fund				
	HE	FRC	CEC	SD	TAP
Annual Budget (set by Council)	\$200,000				
Maximum grant	Staff (Financial Delegation)				
Allocation decision	Council Staff				
Type of Fund	Annual Funding Round				
Typically oversubscribed	Likely Yes - based on LTP requests				

Key	
Healthy Environment	HE
Future ready communities	FRC
Connected and enabled communities	CEC
Sustainable Development	SD
Te Ara Poutama	TAP

Note: Strongest links to Community Outcomes shown, most funds will contribute to all Community Outcomes in some way.



Summary of Funding Schemes

Community Initiatives Fund



MAXIMUM GRANT
Council decision

ALLOCATION DECISION
Council

TYPE OF FUND
Triennial funding round

- COMMUNITY OUTCOME
- Healthy environment
 - Future ready communities
 - Connected and enabled communities
 - Sustainable development
 - Te Ara Poutama - The Pursuit of Excellence

Volunteer Initiatives Fund



MAXIMUM GRANT
Council decision

ALLOCATION DECISION
Council

TYPE OF FUND
Triennial funding round

- COMMUNITY OUTCOME
- Healthy environment
 - Connected and enabled communities

Environmental Enhancement Fund



MAXIMUM GRANT
\$25,000

ALLOCATION DECISION
Council Staff

TYPE OF FUND
On application

- COMMUNITY OUTCOME
- Healthy environment
 - Connected and enabled communities

(New) Māori Initiatives Fund



MAXIMUM GRANT
Staff (Financial Delegation)

ALLOCATION DECISION
Staff

TYPE OF FUND
Annual funding round

- COMMUNITY OUTCOME
- Te Ara Poutama - The Pursuit of Excellence

Community Initiatives Fund



MAXIMUM GRANT
Council decision

ALLOCATION DECISION
Council

TYPE OF FUND
Triennial funding round

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

-  Healthy environment
-  Future ready communities
-  Connected and enabled communities
-  Sustainable development
-  Te Ara Poutama - The Pursuit of Excellence

CIF funding allocated to 2026/27

Name/Organisation	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Ngā Uri Māui Trust	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Sustainable Bay of Plenty Charitable Trust*	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
Western Bay of Plenty Heritage Trust (Western Bay Museum)	\$32,500	\$32,500	\$32,500
Youth SAR	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000

**Sustainable Bay of Plenty Charitable Trust recently advised they will not progress with their project.*

Budget \$300,000 per annum, decisions made via Councils Long Term Plan.

CIF was established to support projects of up to three years that support/enhance the work of Council and that are not eligible for other Council funding.

Community Initiatives Fund



ANNUAL BUDGET
\$300,000

MAXIMUM GRANT
Council decision

ALLOCATION DECISION
Council

TYPE OF FUND
Triennial funding round

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

-  Healthy environment
-  Future ready communities
-  Connected and enabled communities
-  Sustainable development
-  Te Ara Poutama - The Pursuit of Excellence

Financial Summary – 2021/22 to 2026/27

CIF	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Budget	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Funding requests	\$743,994	\$492,648	\$347,648	\$574,531	\$508,943	\$501,443
Allocated	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$240,500	\$230,500	\$230,500
Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,500	\$69,500	\$69,500

Notes:

Balance (underspend) via LTP2024 allocated to Envirohub (Volunteer Initiatives Funding)

Volunteer Initiatives Fund



ANNUAL BUDGET
\$285,000

MAXIMUM GRANT
Council decision

ALLOCATION DECISION
Council

TYPE OF FUND
Triennial funding round

COMMUNITY OUTCOME



Healthy environment



Connected and enabled communities

VIF funding allocated to 2026/27

Name/Organisation	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Bay Conservation Alliance	\$85,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Envirohub	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sea Cleaners Trust	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Outflow Trust	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Care Group Coordinator - Contractor	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000

Budget \$285,000 per annum, decisions made via Councils Long Term Plan.

Funding established via LTP2021. Funding is to support environmental volunteering, with a focus on Capability and Capacity building.

Volunteer Initiatives Fund



MAXIMUM GRANT
Council decision

ALLOCATION DECISION
Council

TYPE OF FUND
Triennial funding round

COMMUNITY OUTCOME



Healthy environment



Connected and enabled communities

Financial Summary – 2021/22 to 2026/27

VIF	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Budget	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
Funding requests	\$440,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$496,616	\$531,616	\$531,616
Allocated	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$325,000	\$360,000	\$360,000
Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$40,000	-\$75,000	-\$75,000

Notes:

- Underspend via LTP2024 allocated to Envirohub (Volunteer Initiatives Funding)

Environmental Enhancement Fund



MAXIMUM GRANT
\$25,000

ALLOCATION DECISION
Council Staff

TYPE OF FUND
On application

COMMUNITY OUTCOME



Healthy environment



Connected and enabled communities

Environmental Enhancement Fund (EEF)

\$300,000 of Council funding per annum - open year-round until the budget is fully allocated. Up to \$25,000 per financial year can be allocated to a project.

Includes He Matapuna Akoranga a Hawea Vercoe - Hawea Vercoe Memorial Fund grants to help Kura Kaupapa Māori, Kohanga Reo and bi-lingual schools in the region with environmental projects.

Provides funding for projects that enhance the environment and improve or protect the natural or historical features of the rohe (region).

There are clear eligibility requirements and limits on what can be funded e.g. no research projects or ongoing education programmes.

Environmental Enhancement Fund



ANNUAL BUDGET
\$300,000

MAXIMUM GRANT
\$25,000

ALLOCATION DECISION
Council Staff

TYPE OF FUND
On application

COMMUNITY OUTCOME



Healthy environment



Connected and enabled communities

Financial Summary – 2021/22 to 2026/27

EEF	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Number of Projects funded	16	15	8	11		
Budget	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Funding requests	\$369,814	\$388,112	\$240,263	\$184,700		
Allocated/being assessed	\$322,838	\$241,011	\$145,598	\$185,000		
Balance	-\$22,838	\$58,989	\$154,402	\$115,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

Notes:

- EEF was under allocated for 2023/24.
- Additional Communications delivered Q3/Q4 of 2023/24 to promote.
- Strong start to 2024/25 with \$185k of applications (60% of fund value) received in Q1

Environmental Enhancement Fund



MAXIMUM GRANT
\$25,000

ALLOCATION DECISION
Council Staff

TYPE OF FUND
On application

COMMUNITY OUTCOME



Healthy environment



Connected and enabled communities

Examples of EEF Projects 22/23 & 23/24

Project	Funding	Description
Trident High School, Whakatane	\$24,500	To create a wheelchair accessible walkway in the wetland that borders the lagoon near the school, to allow everyone to be able to experience the environment and wildlife species that inhabit it
Predator Free Waihi Beach, Waihi Beach	\$25,000	To roll out pest trapping projects at Public Reserve Land Athenree, Didsbury and Island View.
Envirohub, Project based in Rotorua	\$25,000	To establish the Predator Free programme in the Rotorua area. To build, store and supply pest traps to the community.
Coastal Trapping Project, Eco Warriors, Whakatane	\$24,000	To set up new pest trapping lines along the coastal strip from Tarawera River Mouth to Coastlands.
Maketu Taipure, Te Huauri o Te Kawa Wetland, Maketu	\$17,900	To upgrade and widen new and existing tracks at the Kaituna stop bank. Undertaking pest plan control and establishing native vegetation.
Kaharoa School, Rotorua	\$18,870	To enhance the natural environment surrounding the Kaharoa School to create ecological connectivity, learning and wellbeing outcomes for the community

(New) Māori Initiatives Fund



MAXIMUM GRANT

Staff (Financial Delegation)

ALLOCATION DECISION

Staff

TYPE OF FUND

Annual funding round

COMMUNITY OUTCOME



(New) Māori Initiatives Fund (He Ara Taituarā)

New fund of \$200k per annum established via LTP2024

Purpose is to support initiatives that build tangata whenua capability and capacity to participate in Council decision-making processes and operations.

Notes:

- Fund developed with cross team collaboration to ensure alignment with common fund design and operation principles.
- Anticipate fund will be oversubscribed, based LTP submissions.
- Fund is due to be reviewed in 2026/27.



Community Funding Review

- Council operates funding programmes across various Council activities – collectively termed “Community Funding”
- Funding set by Council via Long Term Plan or Annual Plan
- Council agree funding outcomes - staff administer operationally, usually including allocating funding.
- Council (via LTP Deliberations) requested reviews of EEF, VIF and CIF in 2024/25

Key dates

- 30 October 2024 – Strategy and Policy Workshop scheduled to consider reviews and integration.
- 10 December 2024 - Subject to S&P Workshop, updated policies for EEF, VIF and CIF due to Strategy and Policy



Content for 30 October S&P Workshop

- Summary of Council Community Funding
- Reviews of Community Initiatives, Volunteer Initiatives and Environmental Enhancement Funds.
- To consider:
 - Amending purpose of funds
 - Changes to eligibility criteria,
 - level of funding per project,
 - Funding allocation model (funding round vs on application).
 - Decision making
- Options for integration of funding
 - How we work – integrated approach to managing community funding.
 - Options to better align funding polices (based on reviews)



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