

FUNDING CALENDAR



The Ashburton District Council has several ways of providing funds for community projects. This pamphlet is intended to explain the various grants available, however, interested parties are encouraged to contact council's Administration Department, for further information.

<u>Scheme Available</u>	<u>Applications</u>
Annual Grant Scheme	August
School Holiday Programme	August
Major Community Projects	April
Bridging Finance	No fixed time
Guaranteeing Loans	No fixed time

Also available

Heritage Reserve Fund

Contact Planning Department
Ashburton District Council
Phone 307 7700

Tourism Event Funding

Contact Ashburton District Tourism
Phone 308 2669

Creative Communities Arts Funding Scheme

Contact Administration Department
Ashburton District Council
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SPARC Rural Travel Fund

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCIL GRANTS



Community Development Funding Options



Information for groups and organisations
seeking assistance from their local authority



ANNUAL GRANT SCHEME

disbursement of funds to qualifying organisations not named at budget time. The maximum individual grant from this source shall be \$5,000. Council welcomes applications from all groups whose project contributes to the well-being of the community.

The Council will make grants only to those organisations:

- Whose object or principal objects are in keeping with the ideals of the Local Government Act, i.e. conserving or promoting the welfare of the community or of any members of the community.
- That are operating in the district.
- That are serving the community or providing a benefit to the community or a significant section of the community.
- That are educational facilities which provide a major recreational facility available to the public.
- That are non profit organisations.

Considerations

Council will consider the following:

- The background and status of the applicant organisation.
- The organisation's ability to raise its own funds.
- Volunteer input.
- The importance of utilising Council land.
- The organization's planned development - Council must ensure it is carried out in such a manner that it will be in the long term interests of the district.

Eligibilities

Council will prioritise on the following basis but reserves the right to vary these priorities from time to time:

- Development of indoor and outdoor facilities.
- Purchase and/or replacement of equipment.
- New initiatives.

Council will not fund:

- The holding or hosting of a regional / South Island or national tournament or event.
- Projects or activities that have the ability to obtain funds from other Council administered sources i.e. Creative Communities, SPARC Rural Travel Fund. Reserve Fund.
- Groups that have not returned their accountability form from previous years funding.
- Groups that have not provided current financial or bank statements.
- Administration and running costs or wages.
- Prize monies or sponsorship.
- Travel costs.
- Individuals.

General

In considering requests under these headings Council will have regard to the organisation's ability to obtain money from other sources, however, the reverse can also apply where it is important that Council makes a contribution so that national funds can be obtained.

Council reserves the right in considering grants or other forms of assistance to require organisations to supply Council with information on membership, financial position, and the amount of financial assistance sought or provided by other bodies.

Council recognises there may be occasions when an application would appear not to fit the above criteria; however this would not necessarily preclude it from consideration on its merit.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

1. Council will accept applications only from:
 - non profit organisations or groups
 - Ashburton district based groups
2. Any group may receive only one grant per year. The application may cover more than one programme or holiday period.
3. The funds will be distributed as follows:
 - A maximum amount of \$250 for the two week holiday periods and \$750 for the Christmas holiday period.
4. Applications must provide the following in formation
 - Outline of the programme and timetable
 - The place where the programme will take place
 - Number of children expected to participate
 - Ratio of adults to children
 - Targeted age groups
 - Estimated income/expenditure for programme
 - Latest audited accounts (if applicable)
5. Applicants are required to furnish Council with a report at the conclusion of the programme which will include:
 - Final income/expenditure statement
 - Effectiveness of programme, i.e. numbers attending
 - Evaluation of programme

MAJOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Council will make provision in its annual budget for tire disbursement of funds to qualifying organisations to assist major projects of significance to the district. Qualifying organisations will be charitable trusts or incorporated societies

- Whose object or principal objects are in keeping with section 601(5) of the Local Government Act 1974, i.e. providing recreation, enjoyment, education or instruction of the public, or promoting any form of culture.
- That operate primarily in the Ashburton district.
- That provide or will provide a facility that is available or accessible to all of the residents of the district.
- That are not for profit organisations.

The purpose of tire fund will be to assist or facilitate major projects which will be of significance to the recreational or cultural wellbeing of the residents of the district or which will bring wider recognition of the district while promoting the interests of its residents. The fund is intended to assist major projects of significance to the district and may be initiated by a qualifying organisation or by the Council. When considering applications, Council will take the following matters into account:

- fundraising undertaken by the applicant
- ability of the applicant to manage the project
- benefits to the community
- other avenues of funding available to the applicant and
- other grants already received by the applicant from this fund.

No upper or lower limit is imposed, however Council will generally observe a guideline of contributing not more than 15% of the total cost of the project. The fund may accumulate for up to two years but will not at any time exceed \$200,000. Applications will be called for annually by way of newspaper advertisement. Such advertising shall be placed at least one month prior to closing date which shall be the same date as the close of submissions to the Annual Plan.

OTHER ASSISTANCE

When it considers it desirable to do so, the Council may consider the providing of other assistance to the above organisations providing that they are incorporated societies, on the following basis:

Bridging Finance

1. A maximum amount of \$100,000 will be lent to any one applicant
2. The maximum loan term will not be more than 3 years
3. Whether interest is charged and at what rate will be at the discretion of this Council.

Guaranteeing Loans

The maximum amount will be the lesser of 50% of the cost of tire project or \$100,000.

The total amount of loans for bridging finance and guarantees given by Council for loans to local clubs and organisations will not exceed \$250,000 at any one time.

Setting Interest Rates - Requests for Funding

The interest rate for loans advanced pursuant to Council's grants and loans scheme shall be the 12 month fixed investment rate plus 1% applicable on the day preceding the day of the advance or review.

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