



## About the Fund

The Hokonui community have said they are feeling the stresses of the last few years with COVID, the cost of living and the pressures on primary industry. This has meant our whanau, friends and wider community have missed out on maintaining strong connections and shared experiences. Our community services have also been impacted and we want this fund to be a step towards creating and supporting us to be an inclusive, resilient community we are all proud to live in.

Hokonui Locality hears what you are saying and wants to work together with the community to ensure community resources are available, maintained and relevant. This means our community is aware of what they can access and more importantly participating in their community, taking up the opportunity to connect intergenerationally through activity, celebration and shared interests. The Hokonui Hauora Fund has aligned the funding criteria with the Mental Health Foundation's Five Ways to Wellbeing, and Sir Mason's Durie's Te Whare Tapa Wha as the pathway to whanaungatanga, community connection and participation: all key elements to building resilience and improving health and happiness in Hokonui.

To find out more about Hokonui Localities please visit <https://www.hokonuilocality.nz>

We're keen to support community-led activities and events in the wider Eastern Southland area that improves the social, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of the Hokonui community. If you have an idea that encourages people to come together then we want to hear from you. This fund is all about enabling our communities to help feel connected, be more resilient and working towards a happier, healthier Hokonui.

Your community initiatives and/or ideas must promote one or both of the following models;

- Five Ways to Wellbeing - <https://mentalhealth.org.nz/five-ways-to-wellbeing>
- Te Whare Tapa Wha - <https://mentalhealth.org.nz/te-whare-tapa-wha>

## Funding

Groups can apply for funding of up to \$1,000 (GST inclusive).

Ideas could include equipment for your community games, an in-person or online event/workshop which connects people/supports mindfulness/encourages them to be active/enjoy nature/learn a new skill, or funding for a specific part of an event that supports wellbeing... we'd love to hear them!

## Funding criteria

We are looking to fund community activities or events that can support connection, wellbeing and resilience.

Broadly, we are looking for activities and events that:

- Engage positively with the local community
- Aligns with one or more of the "[Five Ways to Wellbeing](#)" and/or [Te Whare Tapa Wha](#)
- Is delivered in the Hokonui area



Applications will not be considered for:

- Retrospective activities or events (things you have done in the past or are in progress now)
- Funding for clinical services (i.e. counselling)
- Activities that intend to generate profit
- Debt servicing or repayment
- Legal expenses
- The promotion of commercial, political or religious objectives
- The purchase of alcohol
- Wages or salaries
- Ongoing operational expenses

## Who can apply

- Community clubs or groups
- Not-for-profit organisations or social enterprises
- Iwi organisations or Māori community groups
- Multicultural councils or ethnic community organisations
- Faith-based, religious and church groups
- An informal group (i.e. not a Trust, an Incorporated Society, Company or any other type of entity formed under New Zealand legislation. An informal group may be involved with managing a one-off event or a series of community activities)

Note: One application per group, per funding year please. Multiple applications from the same group will not be accepted.

The Hokonui Hauora Fund is part of your area's Locality Plan to address the identified need within the community to feel like you belong and re-establish activities that help that sense of whanaungatanga. It aligns with Te Tauraki's aspirations for iwi in Hokonui and Te Whata Ora's willingness to prioritise the needs and experiences of our whanau and communities.

## How we will assess applications

Applications will be assessed by a sub-committee of the Hokonui Locality Governance group and will be approved based on the merits of the event or activity and according to the following:

1. It is community-based
2. It builds on the community's strengths
3. It is safe to use/do
4. It has the flexibility to be managed or provided differently should factors beyond your control occur i.e. weather
5. It meets all criteria contained in the application form
6. Aligns with Hokonui Locality values and links to "The 5 Ways to Wellbeing" and Te Whare Tapa Wha models (links can be found above).
7. It meets our Terms and Conditions.
8. Aligns with and actively supports Hokonui Locality priorities and objectives.