

APPLICATION

Applicant / Project name
Contact person
Physical address
Phone
Email

Tell us about your project ... *(attach additional pages if you need to)*

Read the Guidelines (below) to make sure your project is a good fit for the Fund, so you have the greatest chance of success.

If this funding is for part of your project rather than the full deal, tell us what part of your project this funding will support.



Where is the project located?
When do you hope to start the project?
When will the project be finished?
Amount of funding being requested (max. \$10,000) What will this pay for?
If you are successful, in order for us to send you the funds, <i>you must include screenshot or photo of bank documentation showing bank account, name and number.</i>

How will your project make a positive difference to your community and/or the environment around the Mercury Kawerau Geothermal power station?

If your application is successful and you accept the grant:

- you agree to participate in any publicity generated by Mercury (or Mercury's marketing partners), and to the use of the applicant's name, the project that the grant has been awarded for and photos of the finished product for promotional purposes
- you must complete a Report Back form, so we can see what you've done and how your project has gone. Please complete this form (available on our website) within six months of the completion date you proposed within your application
- we may collect any personal information included in this application form, or provided by you in relation to your application or project, in order to assess your application, apply funding if you are successful, monitor the project and promote the story of your funding. You can access or correct any such personal information by contacting us at geothermal@mercury.co.nz

I certify that the information concerning this application is true and correct.

Signed

Date

Full name

Please send a scan or clear photograph of this application form along with a screenshot or photo showing your bank account to: geothermal@mercury.co.nz

GUIDELINES

Read about the Fund and the kind of things we will support, to have the best chance of a successful application.

1. What this Community Fund is for.

The Mercury Kawerau Community Fund is here to support organisations and projects that benefit the communities around our power station.

2. How much is offered, and how often?

This Fund offers \$30,000 to be shared within this community each year.

Applications will be open for one month each year and this will be advertised to the community and on the Mercury website.

This year (2024) these are our dates – see mercury.co.nz/kaweraucommunityfund for future years.

Applications open	15 August
Applications close	15 September
Decisions made	September
Applicants advised and fund paid	October

3. How we choose which projects to fund.

Applications to the Fund are considered by a small team including Mercury people who work or live in Kawerau. We may not be able to accept all requests, or to support any request in full.

All applications are assessed against the criteria below, and those that best meet these will have the greatest chance of success. We might ask you for further information in considering applications or proposals.

4. Funding criteria: what kind of projects are funded.

Applications for funding for community projects should meet one or more of these criteria, that are aligned with Mercury’s core community values:

Ngā Tangata // People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to live better lives (schools/kura, upskilling, inclusion & diversity) - connections between people (clubs, events) - safety and wellbeing (public safety, supporting health and mental health)
Kaitiakitanga // Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - care for the environment - long term inter generational thinking - New Zealand’s decarbonisation journey (such as supporting bikes and e-vehicles)

5. Who can apply?

Individuals, charitable or non-profit organisations are eligible to apply. Applications should relate to a project or community group from the Kawerau community, and these applications will be considered first for funding.

Applications will not be considered from or in respect of any of the following:

- Commercial or profit orientated organisations or individuals
- Projects with a religious or political purpose (although we do accept applications from church groups towards a social/community purpose)
- Completed projects
- In addition, we look carefully before supporting any clubs or projects that involve animals

In addition, applications will not be accepted by organisations or individuals that have previously received funding from Mercury and:

- Did not deliver the project as described in the original application
- Did not supply a Report Back Form within the agreed timeframe as required
- Did not return funds to Community Fund where the project was not implemented as agreed (this does not apply to successful applicants who return funds where the actual cost of their project fell below their proposed project costs)



6. How to apply.

All applications must be submitted using this Mercury Kawerau Community Fund application form, which is available online at mercury.co.nz/kaweraucommunityfund or by request from geothermal@mercury.co.nz

7. Successful applicants: telling the story.

We'd really like it if successful applicants talked about their funding to help spread the message about the Mercury Kawerau Community Fund and how it is used. This could be acknowledgement in a newsletter, Facebook or other communication. If you would like to use Mercury logo somewhere, we would be happy to send it to you

Successful applicants may also be involved in promotion of the Mercury Kawerau Community Fund to the media, and in Mercury's social media and other channels. If your application is successful and you accept the grant, you agree to participate in any publicity generated by Mercury (or Mercury's marketing partners), and to the use of the applicant's name, project that the grant has been awarded for and photos of the finished product for promotional purposes.

8. Letting us know how it's gone ("reporting back").

Once the project or initiative is completed, all successful applicants must complete a Report Back form. The Report Back form can be here mercury.co.nz/kaweraucommunityfund

If the project is not implemented as agreed, please contact us to return your funding (this does not apply to successful applicants who return funds where the actual cost of their project fell below their proposed project costs)

Please complete the Report Back form within six months of the completion date you proposed within your application.

For more information, please email: geothermal@mercury.co.nz