

THE ŌAMARU COMMUNITY FUND

We know this is a community where people get things done. Our team is spread throughout Aotearoa, and Ōamaru is home to many of our people.

To help support the community where many of our wonderful people live, work and play, we have created the Ōamaru Community Fund to support those who care for people, place and future.



BEFORE YOU START

Before you fill out the following application form, please take a minute to ensure your organisation is eligible for a grant by checking it against the following benchmarks:

- Is your community organisation based within the outlined area on the map below?
- Will your project expenses (applied for in this application) be incurred in New Zealand? Expenses applied for must be incurred within New Zealand, with the exception of items purchased overseas that are not available in New Zealand.
- Is your application future-focused? All grants need to be applied to specific and future-based purposes. No retrospective applications will be accepted e.g. deposits and purchases made prior to the approval of the grant.
- Could your application be considered a conflict of interest? There must be no conflict of interest existing between the applicant group and the provider of the goods and services.
- We will not consider applications that request funding for:
 - Individuals
 - Anything that is required to be carried-out as part of a government-funded contract.
- If funding is required towards general running costs (power, landline telephone, rates or building insurance) copies of invoices for the previous three months need to be supplied.
- Applications for existing salary positions must provide a signed employment contract clearly stating the term of the contract, employee's name and rate of pay, together with a position description.

HOW IT WORKS

This application form is for the November 2026 funding round. Applications open on 1 November 2026 and close at 5pm on 30 November 2026.

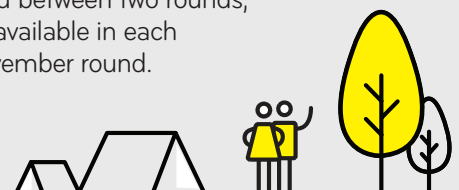
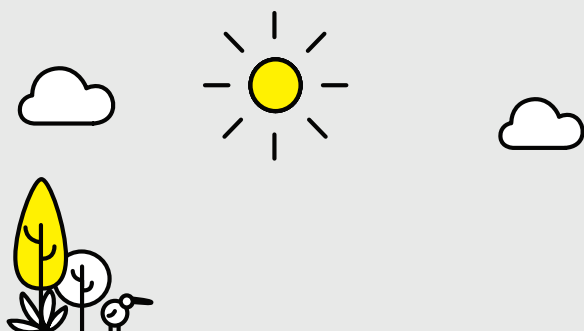
- After this round, the next Ōamaru Community Fund funding round will be held in May 2027, instead of March. From then on, funding rounds will be held twice a year, in May and November.
- The change in timing will not reduce the fund's annual contribution to the Ōamaru community.
- Applications won't be considered unless the application form is fully completed and accompanied by all required supporting documentation.
- Only one application per community organisation will be accepted per funding round.
- An evaluation panel made up of representatives from different teams and different roles at Mercury considers all applications and decides who receives funding.
- Applicants may have their funding approved in full or in part at the sole discretion of Mercury.
- Our grants team works hard to process applications as quickly as possible. We endeavour to respond to applicants (both successful and unsuccessful) during the month following each funding round.
- Successful applications may be posted on Mercury's website, social media pages and other communications.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Mercury's annual funding for the Ōamaru Community Fund is not changing. We will continue to provide \$15,000 each year.

During the transition, \$5,000 will be available in each of the July 2026, November 2026 and May 2027 funding rounds.

From November 2027, the annual funding will be divided between two rounds, with \$7,500 available in each May and November round.



If you're unsure about anything, please email oamarucommunityfund@mercury.co.nz to clarify your eligibility.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO US?

When making your application to the Mercury Ōamaru Community Fund, please consider how well your request fits with the criteria opposite.

These are the things important to us and our people, and it's what will be used to assess your application.



MANAAKITANGA.

- **He Tāngata** - Putting people at the heart of the decision.
- **Tiaki** - Contributing to care for people and place.
- **Mana** - Acting with integrity and a moral compass.



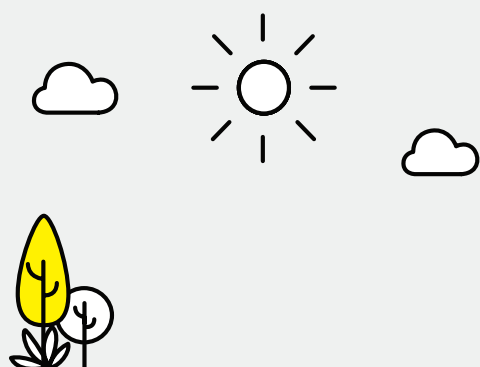
KAITIAKITANGA.

- Considering your role as kaitiaki (guardians) for the environment.
- Demonstrating a sustainable approach.
- Taking real action towards addressing climate change.



A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

- **Kia Kaha** - Having the courage to create opportunities.
- **Mahi Tahi** - Collaborating to build something stronger.
- **Urutau** - Adapting, pivoting and changing to continue to provide what is needed.
- Adopting a digital mindset – looking for ways that technology can help, enhance and make positive change for the community.
- Automating processes so 'people power' can be better used to achieve more.
- Connecting communities through digital or innovative endeavours.
- Empowering learning and improvement.



ŌAMARU COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATION FORM

Your details

Full name of your community group/organisation:

(Use your legal name, that is, the name under which the organisation is Incorporated)

What type of organisation is it?

(E.g. incorporated society, community group, school, sports group, charitable trust.)

Please provide your Charities Commission registration number OR Certificate of Incorporation as evidence.

- If you are a sport and/or recreation group that does not have a Certificate of Incorporation you must provide proof of current affiliation to a national or regional body.
- If you are a school you must provide a letter of endorsement from the principal on school letterhead.
- Other organisations must provide proof of non-profit status or IRD 'charitable' certificate.

What is the main purpose of your organisation?
(Provide a brief overview of what your organisation exists to do. 'Extra notes' space available at end of this document).

Name

Position/title

Organisation address

Postcode

Phone No.(s)

Email address

Is your organisation GST registered?

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Yes, our GST number is

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No

Has your company received funding previously from the Ōamaru Community Fund or from Mercury?

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Yes

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No

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Not sure

When?

About the project

What project does your organisation need the grant for?
(Provide a brief overview of the project your community organisation is requesting this money for. 'Extra notes' space available at end).

What is the total cost of this project?

How much are you asking the Ōamaru Community Fund for? (Fund grants typically range from \$200 - \$2,000)

What specific items will the grant help you purchase?

PURCHASE ITEM	COST \$	EVIDENCE ATTACHED*	
		Y	N
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
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* Please attach a quote from a supplier for each item. Quotes must be less than three months old and on supplier's letterhead.

SUPPORTING SOCIETY

Referring to our 'What's important to us' criteria, please explain how your work aligns with and supports people, place and a sustainable future. Fill out all sections that apply. If more space is required please use the 'extra notes' space at the end of this application form.



Manaakitanga – caring for our communities and people, and putting people at the heart of the decision. Please explain how your work contributes to care for people.



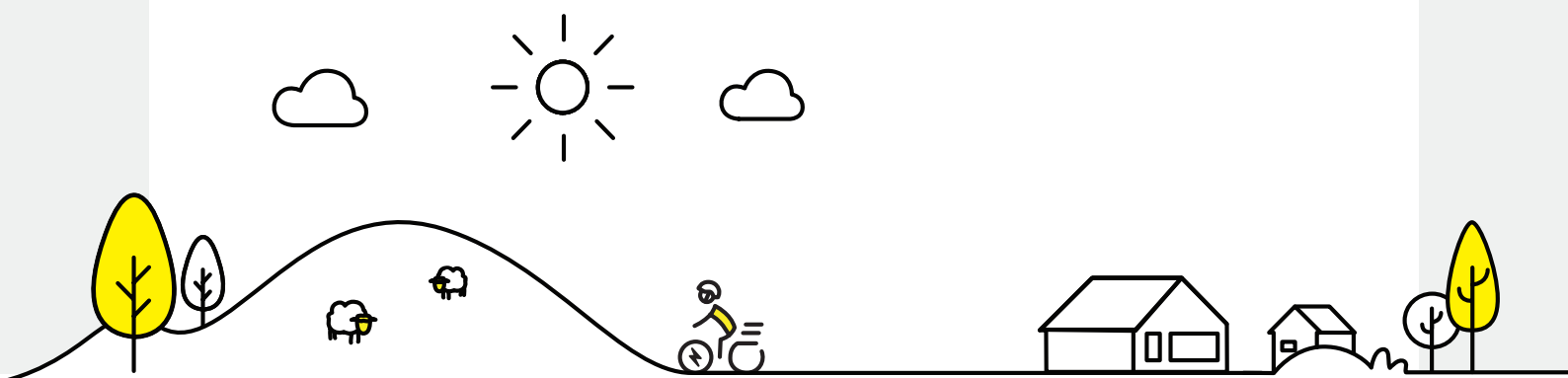
Kaitiakitanga – taking up the role of guardian and protector of our environment, for future generations. Please explain how your work contributes to the role of kaitiaki and addressing environmental change.



A Sustainable Future – improving, growing, trying new ways and learning to make change work for us. We do it together and we do it smartly. Please explain how your work contributes to working together to change, learn, adopt, adapt, automate and connect.

EXTRA NOTES

Use this space if required.



EXPECTATIONS OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

We might want to celebrate our work with you. Therefore: 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.

We would like to hear about how your project has gone, so we have a Share your Story form that has a few questions for you. Please complete this form (available on our website) within two months of the completion date you proposed within your application.

Data privacy is important. This is what you need to know: 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 **oamarucommunityfund@mercury.co.nz**

PAYMENT & AUTHORISATION

If your application is successful, funds will be direct credited. Please provide your organisation's bank details below:

Bank account name

Bank account number

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,

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I've included evidence of this bank account. Please do not send in your application without including proof of bank account e.g. a photo, scan or screengrab from internet banking or bank statement that shows all of these: bank name, bank logo, account name, account number.

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

Full name

Signed

Date

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Please fill in this application form by 5pm, 30 November 2026 and email to: **oamarucommunityfund@mercury.co.nz**

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE EVIDENCE OF YOUR BANK ACCOUNT WITH THIS APPLICATION