



THE TAUPŌ COMMUNITY FUND.

Mercury has been part of communities around Lake Taupō and the Waikato awa for a long time.

We have created the Taupō community fund to support those groups and projects that benefit communities from all around Lake Taupō and up the awa to Lake Maraetai.



BEFORE YOU START.

Before you fill out the following application form, please take a minute to ensure your organisation is eligible for a grant. Read about the Fund and the kind of things we will support, to have the best chance of a successful application.

What this Community Fund is for.

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

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.

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

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 the area. 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.

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
• 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
• care for the environment • long term inter generational thinking • New Zealand's decarbonisation journey (such as supporting bikes and e-vehicles)

Who can apply?

Individuals, charitable or non-profit organisations are eligible to apply. Applications should relate to a project or community group within the map area shown on the first page. Applications from communities near our power stations 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

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 time frame as required
- Did not return funds, 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)

Successful applicants: telling the story.

We'd really like it if successful applicants talked about their funding to help spread the message about this Community Fund. This could be acknowledgment 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 Taupō 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.

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 found here mercury.co.nz/taupocommunityfund

If the project is not implemented as agreed, or where the actual cost of their project fell below their proposed project costs, 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: taupocommunityfund@mercury.co.nz

TAUPŌ COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATION FORM.

Either: download and fill in this form, save it and email it to: **taupocommunityfund@mercury.co.nz**

Or: print this application form out, fill it in, then scan or photograph it and email it to us at: **taupocommunityfund@mercury.co.nz**

Look out for our email confirming that we've received your application. We acknowledge every application we receive so if you don't hear from us within 5 working days, please email us again.

Physical
address

Applicant/
Project
name

Phone

Contact
person

Email

TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

Read the guidelines 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?

Tell us about your project and how it will make a positive difference to your community

Amount of funding being requested (max. \$5,000)

What will this pay for?

Is your organisation GST registered?

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No

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Yes, our GST number is:

Tell us more about the cost of the project, how much funding you may have already received, plans to fund the shortfall etc.

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, 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 **taupocommunityfund@mercury.co.nz**

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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

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