

Funding for New Zealand businesses

List of available grants, scholarships, and public funding for commercial and not-for-profit businesses in Aotearoa



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AGMARDT

Website: agmardt.org.nz



WHO

AGMARDT (Agricultural and Marketing Research and Development Trust) invest in initiatives to encourage innovative thinking, research capability and collaboration and to develop emerging leaders in New Zealand's primary sector.

FUNDING

AGMARDT support with the following grants and scholarships:

- Agribusiness Innovation Grants
- Capability Development Grants (e.g. Leadership)
- Market Insights Investment
- Conference Support
- Visiting Fellowships

APPLICATIONS

Must be submitted via the online application portal and can be submitted throughout the year. These are reviewed by the AGMARDT Trustees at their regular board meetings. Check the website for upcoming application dates.

ĀKINA

Website: akina.org.nz



WHO

Ākina is an impact development consultancy in Aotearoa. They are advocates for innovation, and champions of social enterprise.

FUNDING

Each year Ākina run The Impact Investment Readiness Programme, which allows impact-driven businesses can now apply for up to \$30,000 to get investment ready.

APPLICATIONS

Information and upcoming application dates are all available on the opportunities page of their website [here](#). Interested parties will need to submit an expression of interest form to determine eligibility for funding.

ASIA NEW ZEALAND FOUNDATION



Website: www.asianz.org.nz

WHO

The Asia New Zealand Foundation Te Whītau Tūhono provides experiences and resources to help New Zealanders build their knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive in Asia.

FUNDING

The Foundation have a range of grants and other support options available to individuals and organisations looking to build their knowledge, skills and connections in Asia. Some key support options include:

Arts Funding:

- Arts Practitioner Fund – grants for arts practitioners. Up to \$7,500 per applicant.
- Arts Project Fund – grants for professional arts organisations and event organisers. Applicants may request up to \$20,000 from this fund.
- Strategic Arts Partnership Fund – long-term partnerships between organisations and the Foundation to enable the delivery of projects, events and festivals. No formal process of application. This is discussed on a case-by-case basis.

Business & Entrepreneurship

- Asia Business and Economic Thought Leaders Fund - The Foundation deepens understanding of business and economic trends in Asia by sponsoring thought leaders from Asia to speak at New Zealand conferences. Funding can go towards speaker's flights and on the ground costs.
- Entrepreneurship Programme - The Foundation takes groups of entrepreneurs and business leaders from New Zealand to Asia on industry-specific trips to build their knowledge and confidence in Asia and build connections. The Foundation will cover return flights, accommodation, on-ground transportation and most meals.

For more information on application criteria and deadlines, please visit the Asia New Zealand Foundation website.

CALLAGHAN INNOVATION

Website: callaghaninnovation.govt.nz



WHO

Callaghan Innovation are New Zealand's Innovation agency, helping innovative companies to grow and scale. On top of funding, Callaghan Innovation also supply services such as technology and product development, access to expert advice and workshops on various commercialisation and R&D topics.

FUNDING

Callaghan Innovation have grants and funding options available to eligible businesses, who are performing R&D within a set criteria. Funding for eligible businesses includes:

- Student Grants: Funding for tertiary students to bring technical expertise to a specific R&D project. There are various grants available, depending on the level of expertise required and the length of the project.
- R&D Tax Incentive (RDTI): The RDTI offers a tax credit equal to 15% of eligible R&D expenditure. Businesses can use this credit to reduce the amount of income tax they pay. To determine eligibility, you can visit the RDTI website [here](#).
- R&D Grants: Callaghan have launched new grants to assist businesses with funding to undertake R&D projects. This supports activities not covered by the RDTI. More information can be found [here](#).

APPLICATIONS

To enquire about funding and check eligibility, please visit the contact page and complete an enquiry form [here](#).



KIWINET

Website: kiwinet.org.nz



WHO

KiwiNet champions people who commercialise research by helping them to access the tools, connections, investment and support they need to create amazing new products and services.

FUNDING

KiwiNet administers PreSeed investment which is used to turn science discoveries into commercially viable products and services. The funding is provided by the Ministry of Business Innovation & Employment (MBIE) and is used to support early stage commercialisation activities through publicly funded research organisations.

APPLICATIONS

To enquire about funding please visit the KiwiNet website: kiwinet.org.nz

MAORI WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT INC

Website: mwdi.co.nz



WHO

Maori Women's Development Inc (MWDI) supports wāhine Māori and their whānau in business. They provide micro-loans, business coaching & financial capability programmes.

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

MWDI have micro loans and funding options available to eligible businesses, including:

- Loans: MWDI provide loans to Māori women and their whānau to enable and assist them to enter into and commence business and/or to expand and restructure their existing businesses. Check the website [here](#) for eligibility criteria and upcoming application dates.
- Online courses and mentorship: These are available to assist with the development of business plans, and connections to experts or other business owners.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms, eligibility criteria and expression of interest forms are all available on the website [here](#).

MĀTĀTUHI FOUNDATION

Website: matatuhifoundation.co.nz



WHO

The Mātātuhi Foundation supports the development of the literary landscape of New Zealand by funding projects that:

- Support and promote the work of New Zealand writers and/or;
- Contribute to literacy in Aotearoa in te reo or english and/or provide transformative experiences for readers of New Zealand literature

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

The Mātātuhi Foundation aims to distribute up to 10 one-off grants of \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year. Expressions of interest are invited twice per year with deadlines of 31 October and 31 March. Please visit the website for more information on the application process and criteria.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT: PLASTICS INNOVATION FUND

Website: environment.govt.nz



WHO

The Ministry for the Environment have established the Plastics Innovation Fund to support projects that will minimise plastic waste and its harm on the environment.

FUNDING

They are seeking to fund projects that find ways to use less plastic and make what we do use reusable or recyclable.

There will be \$50 million invested over four years, in total. Round 2 applications close on 30 June 2023, at 5pm.

For more information, please visit the Plastics Innovation Fund website or use the following contact details:

PlasticsIF@mfe.govt.nz

0800 499 700

MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES: SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND FIBRE FUTURES



Website: matatuhifoundation.co.nz

WHO

Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures (SFF Futures) supports problem-solving and innovation in New Zealand's food and fibre sector by co-investing in initiatives that make a positive and lasting difference.

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

SFF Futures fund a range of projects – from smaller projects that cost less than \$100,000 to multi-million-dollar, multi-year programmes. The extent of MPI's investment will mainly be determined by the extent of the benefits made available to New Zealand (the public good).

The greater the public good, the larger the proportion of total project costs MPI is likely to co-invest. On the other hand the greater the commercial outcomes, the greater the amount of investment they require from the applicant

APPLICATIONS

To apply, please visit the SFF Futures website to check the eligibility of your project and the assessment criteria.

REGIONAL BUSINESS PARTNER NETWORK



Website: www.regionalbusinesspartners.co.nz

WHO

The Regional Business Partner (RBP) Network supports small to medium businesses by providing funding for management capability training, as well as connections to the right advice and resources.

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Funded by the New Zealand government, the RBP Network consists of 14 regional growth agencies throughout the country. Soda is the RBP Partner for the Waikato Region. Funding is determined on a case-by-case basis by local Business Growth Advisors. Businesses may receive up to 50% of the funding for an approved training programme, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

POUTAMA TRUST

Website: poutama.co.nz



WHO

Poutama is an independent charitable trust established in 1988 to provide business development services to Māori.

Poutama strives to create an environment for successful business ventures and economic growth for Māori.

FUNDING

Poutama takes a flexible approach to how they can use their funding to invest into a business. A few of the available options are:

- Poutama Investment Support - Available on a 50-50 basis up to a maximum of \$10,000. The business must come up with a proportion of the amount that is at least equal to what Poutama is asked to fund. The business must have been operating for 12 months, have at least \$80,000 in annual turnover, and be at least 50% Māori owned. Note: If the business owners are from Waikato Tanui Iwi, there is potential to access an additional 50% funding of up to \$5,000.
- Collectives, Clusters and Collaborations - Poutama supports the facilitation of collectives, clusters, and collaborations between Māori enterprises to identify and explore potential opportunities. E.g., Kāhui Fashion Collective, TUKU - Māori Wine Collective, and Indigenous Cuisine Cluster.

APPLICATIONS

To enquire about applications or access further information, please contact:

Tai Jones, Business Advisor

Email: poutama@poutama.co.nz



PRIME MINISTER'S SCHOLARSHIP

Website: scholarships.enz.govt.nz



WHAT

A Prime Minister's Scholarship is an opportunity to grow yourself and see the world through a new lens. There are two key types available.

FUNDING

- Prime Minister's Scholarship for Asia and Latin America: These scholarships are funded by the New Zealand Government and administered by Education New Zealand Manapou ki te Ao to support New Zealanders on learning experiences in Asia and Latin America. The scholarship can assist with costs relating to Individuals on an exchange, internship or other independent programme.
- Prime Minister's Scholarships for Athletes, Coaches & Support Teams: Prime Minister's Scholarships support athletes, coaches, support team members and officials to gain educational or professional qualifications while continuing in sport.

APPLICATIONS

To access more information on the above grants, including application dates, forms and eligibility criteria, please visit the websites linked above.



THE TINDALL FOUNDATION

Website: tindall.org.nz



WHO

Stephen and Margaret Tindall co-founded The Tindall Foundation (TTF) in 1994 following the public listing of The Warehouse. Their aim was to contribute towards a stronger Aotearoa/New Zealand.

FUNDING

Poutama The Tindall Foundation donates to community organisations and social entrepreneurship through two streams:

- Local Donation Managers: Each year, Local Donation Managers give away approximately \$3.5 million of TTF funds in two of our Focus Areas — family and environment. Donations range from \$500 to \$15,000.
- Direct Donations: These are split into Family, Community and Environment, and range from \$1,000 to \$300,000+.

APPLICATIONS

Applications can be submitted online. For information on which projects will and won't be funded through TTF, as well as eligibility criteria and application process, please visit the Tindall Foundation website.



WORK & INCOME (WINZ)

Website: workandincome.govt.nz

WORK AND INCOME
TE HIRANGA TANGATA

WHO

Work & Income are here to help individuals financially if they are on a low income or not working, support them into work, and help them with housing. Applicants for Work & Income funding must be currently out of work.

FUNDING

Work & Income have grants and funding options available to eligible individuals looking to start their own business. These include:

- Flexi wage for Self-employment: Up to \$600 a week for up to 28 weeks, used towards the costs of setting up a business, for example paying for equipment, or to pay living costs while the business is still in its early stages. Check eligibility and application criteria [here](#).
- Business Training and Advice Grant: Up to \$5,000 to pay an expert to help individuals with business advice or business skills training, e.g. developing a business plan or a financial report. Check eligibility and application criteria [here](#).
- Self-employment Startup Payment: Funding to cover the capital costs or one-off startup costs for a new business. E.g. equipment, startup stock, materials, insurance, basic website or renovation of business premises. Check eligibility and application criteria [here](#).

APPLICATIONS

To enquire about applications or access further information about any of these funding options, you can call 0800 559 009.



Part Two: Regional Funding

The following section outlines the regional funding available from regional councils, district councils, foundations and other organisations. This is not an exhaustive list. The aim is to guide you toward resources where you can carry out your own research and identify the most suitable opportunities.

Given that Soda is an organisation based in the Waikato, our team have mostly compiled information which is relevant for businesses based in the Waikato and surrounding areas.

For other North Island regions, we suggest you contact your local Economic Development Agency (EDA) or Regional Business Partner for more information. We have listed the contact information for each in the relevant sections.

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AUCKLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Website: www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Local Grants: Auckland Regional Council have a range of grants available for projects and activities within the Auckland region. Typically, these are awarded locally, within the Auckland region. You can visit the Grants Calendar [here](#) to see when the next grants are open for application in your local division.

FOUNDATION NORTH

Website: foundationnorth.org.nz

Region: Auckland and Northland



Foundation North is focused on funding initiatives that are focused on social inclusion, increased equity, regenerative environment and community support. Organisations applying for funding must be able to demonstrate charitable purpose. There are two funding programmes that are open all year, and that you can apply for online at any time. These are:

- Quick Response Grants (up to \$25,000)
- Community Grants (more than \$25,000)

Visit the website to learn more about the application process and eligibility criteria.

REGIONAL BUSINESS PARTNER: AUCKLAND BUSINESS CHAMBER

This is the Regional Business Partner (RBP) for the Auckland region. For information about RBP funding for management capability training please visit www.chamber.co.nz



TĀTAKI AUCKLAND UNLIMITED

This is the Economic and Cultural Agency for the Auckland region. Please visit www.aucklandnz.com for more info.



BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Website: www.boprc.govt.nz



FUNDING AND RESOURCES

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council have a range of different funds open to organisations and individuals. These include:

- Environmental Enhancement Fund: Maximum of \$25,000 per financial year per applicant.
- Community Initiatives Fund
- School Sustainability and Resilience Fund

For more information on open funds and application processes, please visit the council website.

BAY TRUST

Website: foundationnorth.org.nz

Region: Bay of Plenty



The Bay Trust exists to accelerate bold meaningful change, assisting BOP communities and the environment to flourish.

- Grant applications up to \$20,000 are reviewed monthly by committee.
- Grant applications for \$20,001 and over are reviewed quarterly by the full board.

Visit the website to learn more about the application process, eligibility criteria and funding priorities.

REGIONAL BUSINESS PARTNER: TAURANGA BUSINESS CHAMBER

This is the Regional Business Partner (RBP) for the Bay of Plenty region. For information about RBP funding for management capability training please visit www.tauranga.org.nz or contact Roz Irwin: roz@tauranga.org.nz



TOI EDA

This is the Economic Development Agency for the Eastern Bay of Plenty. Please visit www.toi-eda.co.nz for more info.



CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.gdc.govt.nz



The Central Hawke's Bay District Council have a range of different funds open to organisations and individuals. These include Environmental and Sustainability Fund, Creative Communities Scheme and the Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund. For more information on open funds and application processes, please visit the council website with the link provided above.

You can also visit [Hawke's Bay Funding](#), which is a local service that lists all available funding opportunities across Hawke's Bay.

EASTERN & CENTRAL COMMUNITY TRUST

Website: ecct.org.nz

Region: Gisborne Tairāwhiti, Hawke's Bay, Tararua, Wairarapa, Manawatū, Horowhenua



Eastern & Central Community Trust provides grants and support to community organisations, with a vision is to help build stronger, more sustainable communities.

There are four key funds:

- Grassroots fund (up to \$30,000)
- Community Assets Facilities Fund (between \$30,000 – \$250,000)
- Strategic Fund – Rangatahi Strategy / Rangatahi Action Plan - this fund is for Rangatahi and is led by Rangatahi
- Innovation Fund

Please visit the website to learn more about the application process.

REGIONAL BUSINESS PARTNER: HAWKE'S BAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This is the Regional Business Partner (RBP) for the Hawke's Bay region. For information about RBP funding for management capability training, please contact:

rbp@hbchamber.nz

Website: www.hbchamber.nz



HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Website: www.horizons.govt.nz



FUNDING AND RESOURCES

The Horizons Council have a range of different funds open to organisations and individuals. These include:

- Combined Environmental Grants: a variety of grant's to improve the Region's environment
- Sponsorship proposals

For more information on open funds and application processes, please visit the council website with the link provided above.

EASTERN & CENTRAL COMMUNITY TRUST

Website: ecct.org.nz

Region: Gisborne Tairāwhiti, Hawke's Bay, Tararua, Wairarapa, Manawatū, Horowhenua



Eastern & Central Community Trust provides grants and support to community organisations, with a vision is to help build stronger, more sustainable communities. There are four key funds:

- Grassroots fund (up to \$30,000)
- Community Assets Facilities Fund (between \$30,000 – \$250,000)
- Strategic Fund – Rangatahi Strategy / Rangatahi Action Plan - this fund is for Rangatahi and is led by Rangatahi
- Innovation Fund

Please visit the website to learn more about the application process and eligibility criteria.

REGIONAL BUSINESS PARTNER: CEDA

Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) is the Economic Development Agency and Regional Business Partner (RBP) for the Manawatū-Whanganui region. For information about funding for management capability training, or general business enquiries, please contact:



business.enquiry@ceda.nz

0800 233 278

Website: ceda.nz/our-business-support/grow/

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Website: nrc.govt.nz



FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- For Landowners: The Council has various funds available for landowners committed to protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
- Sports Facility Funding: for capital development projects of new-builds or significant additions.
- Awards: Various awards for environmental and business excellence.

To access more information on funding, please visit the Funding and Awards page on the Northland Regional Council website [here](#).

FOUNDATION NORTH

Website: foundationnorth.org.nz

Region: Auckland and Northland



Foundation North is focused on funding initiatives that are focused on social inclusion, increased equity, regenerative environment and community support. Organisations applying for funding must be able to demonstrate charitable purpose. There are two funding programmes that are open all year, and that you can apply for online at any time. These are:

- Quick Response Grants (up to \$25,000)
- Community Grants (more than \$25,000)

Visit the website to learn more about the application process and eligibility criteria.

REGIONAL BUSINESS PARTNER: NORTHLAND INC

Northland Inc is the Economic Development Agency and Regional Business Partner (RBP) for the Northland region. For information about RBP funding for management capability training, or other general business enquiries, please contact:



growth@northlandnz.com

09 438 5110

Website: www.northlandnz.com/business

GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.gdc.govt.nz



FUNDING AND RESOURCES

The Gisborne District Council have a range of different funds open to organisations and individuals. These include:

- Waste Minimisation
- Creative Communities
- Natural Heritage Fund

For more information on open funds and application processes, please visit the council website with the link provided above.

EASTERN & CENTRAL COMMUNITY TRUST

Website: ecct.org.nz

Region: Gisborne Tairāwhiti, Hawke's Bay, Tararua, Wairarapa, Manawatū, Horowhenua



Eastern & Central Community Trust provides grants and support to community organisations, with a vision is to help build stronger, more sustainable communities.

There are four key funds:

- Grassroots fund (up to \$30,000)
- Community Assets Facilities Fund (between \$30,000 – \$250,000)
- Strategic Fund – Rangatahi Strategy / Rangatahi Action Plan - this fund is for Rangatahi and is led by Rangatahi
- Innovation Fund

Please visit the website to learn more about the application process and eligibility criteria.

REGIONAL BUSINESS PARTNER: TRUST TAIRĀWHITI

Trust Tairāwhiti is the Economic Development Agency and Regional Business Partner (RBP) for the Tairāwhiti-East Coast region. For information about RBP funding for management capability training, or other general business enquiries, please contact:



Joe Williams: rbp@trusttairawhiti.nz

Website: www.trusttairawhiti.nz

TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL

Website: www.trc.govt.nz



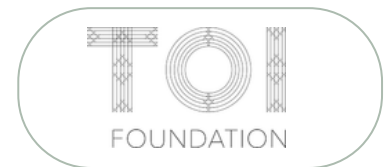
The Taranaki Regional Council have various grants available for landowners looking to protect and enhance the environment in the Taranaki region. Many of the district councils also offer a wide range of contestable grants and funding.

For more information on open funds and application processes, please visit the council website with the link provided above.

TOI FOUNDATION

Website: toifoundation.org.nz

Region: Taranaki



Toi Foundation are committed to supporting our communities to build a thriving, inclusive and equitable Taranaki. They have contributed over \$200m to Taranaki people and projects. The Foundation offers offering Annual, Capital, Programme and Event, and Individual grants to not-for-profit organisations. Please visit the website to learn more about the application process and eligibility criteria.

REGIONAL BUSINESS PARTNER: VENTURE TARANAKI

Venture Taranaki is the Regional Development Agency and Regional Business Partner (RBP) for the Taranaki region. For information about RBP funding for management capability training, or other general business enquiries, please contact:

business@venture.org.nz

Website: www.venture.org.nz



HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL

Website: hamilton.govt.nz



WHO

City council providing support, services, and information, primarily to those living and working Hamilton.

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- Creative Partnerships Fund: Apply for funding to develop, deliver and/or install new arts initiatives, performances and artworks. Open until June 2023.
- Welcoming Communities Fund: Apply for support to enable new projects/activities which promote Inclusive leadership, welcoming communications, equitable access, connected and inclusive communities, economic development/business and employment, civic engagement and participation, welcoming public spaces, and culture and identity. Open until June 2023 for not-for-profit organisations.

APPLICATIONS

To access more information on the above grants, including application dates, forms and eligibility criteria, please visit the Council Funds page on the Hamilton City Council website [here](#). You'll also find up-to-date information on new grants.

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

There are also a range of funding and scholarships available via the Waikato Regional Council. Please check the website for the most up to date information and application information.



Website: www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/community/funding-and-scholarships/



DISTRICT COUNCILS

There is also funding available from district councils. Each district will have their own economic development plan, so the types of funding available will differ. Many of the available grants are for not-for-profits or community groups, but there are some available for commercial activities as well. We suggest visiting your district council website for more information.

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/our-council/funding/

MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.mpdc.govt.nz/grants-and-funding

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.otodc.govt.nz/our-district/funding-and-grants

ROTORUA LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-city/community-development/grantsandfunding

SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.southwaikato.govt.nz/our-council/grants-and-funding

TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.taupodc.govt.nz/community/community-grants-and-awards

THAMES-COROMANDEL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Community/Funding-Sponsorship-and-Grants

WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/community-development/funding

WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.waipadc.govt.nz/our-services/grants-and-funding

WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL

Website: www.waitomo.govt.nz/council/funding-and-grants

TRUST WAIKATO



Website: www.trustwaikato.co.nz

This is the community trust for the Waikato Region, which provides funding for not-for-profit groups that are an incorporated society or registered charitable trust.

The Trust tends to fund up to 10% of the project costs, with the minimum grant size being \$1,000. There are three main grants available:

- Community Impact Grants
- Community Response Grants
- Significant Capital Projects Fund

To understand more about the types of projects that Trust Waikato fund, you can visit their website and see past grants [here](#).

GRASSROOTS TRUST



Website: www.trustwaikato.co.nz

Regions: Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Hawke's Bay, Northland, Waikato

Grassroots Trust is dedicated to providing local funding to local communities. They have a particular passion and enthusiasm for amateur sport, education and various charitable community initiatives.

Grassroots Trust has funding available for registered charities or not-for-profit organisations, schools or groups that are affiliated to a regional or national body. The Board generally meets every month to review grant applications. Application closing dates can be found [here](#).

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Website: wellington.govt.nz

Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

WHO

City council providing support, services, and information, primarily to those living and working in the Wellington region.

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- Climate and Sustainability Fund: The Climate and Sustainability Fund is an initiative in the Council's Te Atakura - First to Zero climate action plan to reduce carbon emissions by 2030, or create a culture of climate change action. Applicants must be a legal entity and be based in Wellington city, or deliver benefits within the Wellington City Council rate paying area.
- Waste Minimisation Seed Fund: Support new initiatives that complement and enhance existing programmes or address gaps or opportunities to target priority waste streams, reduce harm to the environment and improve efficiency of resource use. There is up to \$100,000 available every year, with two types of grant:
 - funding for small projects – \$2000 and under
 - funding for medium/large projects – over \$2000.
- City Growth Fund: The objective of the fund is to support projects, partnerships and programmes that contribute to the economic growth of the city. This funding is expected to be matched by the applicant for 50% of total proposed project costs.
- Other funds including Natural Environment Fund, Sports Event Partnership Fund, and Arts and Culture Fund.

APPLICATIONS

To access more information on the above grants, including application dates, forms and eligibility criteria, please visit the Council Funds page on the Wellington City Council website [here](#).



NIKAU FOUNDATION

Website: nikaufoundation.nz
Region: Wellington



Nikau Foundation is focused on helping local non-profits make a transformational impact in Wellington, Hutt Valley, Wainuiomata, Porirua, Kāpiti or Wairarapa. Grants are available to organisations that are either:

- A registered charitable trust or company
- A registered incorporated society
- An educational institution
- Community organisations

Check the website for updated information of grant round opening and closing dates, and eligibility criteria.

REGIONAL BUSINESS PARTNER: WELLINGTON NZ

WellingtonNZ is the Economic Development Agency and Regional Business Partner (RBP) for the Wellington region. For information about RBP funding for management capability training, or other general business enquiries, please contact:



Mariana Askin
mariana.askin@wellingtonnz.com
04 382 0078

Website: www.wellingtonnz.com/business/grow-my-business/



Part Three: Incubators and Angels

The following section outlines the Incubator and Accelerator programmes which exist in New Zealand to support early stage ventures and start-up businesses. These offer in-kind support and expertise, along with connections to other entrepreneurs. Some may also offer small amounts of funding during the programme, or potential investment at the close of the programme.

Another potential avenue for investment is through angel investors. There are multiple angel investment groups across Aotearoa New Zealand which invest in start up and early stage businesses. Each group will have their own investment mandate and criteria, so it is important that you discuss this with each group.



For more information on angel investment, you can visit the Angel Association of New Zealand: www.angelassociation.co.nz. Here, you will be able to see a full list of the investment groups, as well as resources and templates to help you to understand what is involved in angel investment.

In addition, you can visit the NZ Venture Capital Investor Database (a Google Sheet) which lists the contact details for many of the venture capital firms and individual venture capital investors in New Zealand. You can access this via the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Wm8trbY9SK2OZHQsf37e7qllpNUIImfdLEPAELYalXL8/edit#gid=352536696>

INCUBATORS & ACCELERATORS

There are a number of incubator programmes across Aotearoa that support start-ups and early stage ventures with resources, funding and pro-bono expertise. Current incubator programmes include:



PHASE ONE VENTURES

Phase One is an early-stage founder community, a product and growth incubator program, and a venture capital fund, based in Auckland. The program will pair startups with a product and growth mentor and may invest capital in companies that show great signals of progress.



CREATIVE HQ

- Incubator: The Incubator is a 6-month hybrid programme open to startups based in Wellington. Includes \$5,000 of equity-free funding.
- Accelerator: 3-month virtual programmes, open to startups based in Aotearoa . Remote or in-person.



KŌKIRI

A Māori Business Acceleration programme based on kaupapa Māori values and focused on accelerating early stage Māori-led, tech-based start-ups. 12-week programme.



SPROUT AGRITECH

The Sprout Agritech Accelerator programme is a 12-week Accelerator aimed at agritech and foodtech entrepreneurs and businesses looking to turn IP into a scalable business. Sprout Agritech may invest in companies which show high potential for growth.



MINISTRY OF AWESOME

The Founder Catalyst is a nine-month incubation programme designed to support, nurture and accelerate the growth of early-stage startups.



HATCH PACIFIC

Offer programmes which seek to empower young Pacific entrepreneurs (ages 18 - 35 years) and transform their ideas into viable businesses.

- Foundation: For those thinking about business as a future pathway, or looking to develop their entrepreneurship skills
- Vaka: For those who already have a business idea



HTK GROUP

- The Whakatū Accelerator is a 12-week founder driven startup accelerator programme designed to unleash the ambitions of Māori and Pacifica entrepreneurs. The accelerator will focus on Māori and Pacifica knowledge intensive businesses. It is based in Tāmaki Makaurau but supports founders across Aotearoa.
- Programming Māori & Pasifika Potential (PMP) is a digital technology accelerator for rangatahi Māori and Pacifica 16 - 19 years. In 2023, PMP will accelerate across Auckland, Christchurch, and Hawkes Bay, connecting 80 rangatahi into business innovation and digital technology.

TECHNOLOGY INCUBATORS

There are four technology incubators across the country that deliver technology incubation programmes and funding on behalf of Callaghan Innovation. This programme has been designed to support the commercialisation of complex products and technologies, which are often derived out of research and development (R&D).

Eligible deep tech startups can access funding for a specific commercialisation project. Funding is available to startups, and potential startups, who are partnering with one of the technology incubators.

Successful applicants will receive a minimum of \$1,000,000 in funding, made up of \$750,000 in the form of a Repayable Grant from Callaghan Innovation, and a minimum of \$250,000 in private investment. To be considered for a Repayable Grant, the Technology Incubator will apply to Callaghan Innovation on behalf of the business, providing a business case, project plan, budget, and investment terms.

The repayable funding portion consists of two parts:

- Pre-incubation Grant of \$35,000 to conduct due diligence on the technology and test the commercial viability of an idea.
- Repayable Grant of up to \$750,000 to fund the start-up's costs associated with commercialising the technology. This is 'success-based' grant funding, where ventures only start making repayments when they start earning revenue at 3% of revenue per annum, or when they exit.

For the full list of Technology Incubators, and more information about the programme, please visit the Callaghan Innovation website: www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz