

## Community Support Grants

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### **Kia ora koutou,**

Thank you for your interest in applying for funding from this **Community Support** programme funding round. **Community Support** grants are larger grants aimed at providing operational and other forms of support to established organisations that have previously been granted funds by the Trust. The Trust approves fewer **Community Support** grants, and these applications undergo a much more stringent review process to ensure alignment with the Trust's aims and priorities. Funding history and capacity to deliver are critical factors in the assessment process.

**Community Support grants require an organisation to have received and successfully acquitted for a Quick Response grant first. If this is your first application to the Trust, or if you are unsure whether this is the appropriate round for your organisation, please contact us to discuss.**

Our other grants round, **Quick Response** is for grants up to \$20,000. The focus is on local smaller organisations and first-time applicants. These grants are designed to provide a 'quick response' to a range of community organisations, to provide modest operational support and/or funding to get a project started or purchase equipment etc.

The majority of the Trust's grants are distributed under **Quick Response** grants. The assessment of applications is less stringent and has a more flexible consideration process than the Community Support Grants. With Quick Response applications wherever possible we try to contribute and support local organisations that are active in their communities.

**If you think you meet the requirements and wish to submit a Community Support application, please continue otherwise go to a Quick Response round. There are 3 rounds a year closing at the end of March, June and September. Grant decisions are made 12 weeks after closing dates.**

**Our grants programmes are guided by the Trust's current Community Investment Strategy.**

In assessing applications priority will be given to organisations whose objectives and outcomes are aligned with and can contribute to the aims, the pillars/pou of the Trust. **Please read the priorities outlined in our [2025 - 2028 Community Investment Strategy](#).**

**This application round closes at 6pm on Tuesday 30th of June 2026.** Please see our [website](#) for details on the closing dates for our other grant rounds.

**Lastly, please ensure you click the submit button when complete** – if you don't receive an acknowledgement email your application has not been submitted.

## Multi-year Grants

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The Trust has recently approved a process where multi-year funding will be available to approved and selected Community Support (CS) applicants that indicate an interest and meet the criteria.

### Criteria (in addition to standard grant criteria)

- The organisation has received consistent CS grants in the previous three years at levels above \$30,000 and there been no concerns regarding operation and/or accountability.
- It is anticipated that grant levels will typically be for larger grants, ie, \$40,000 plus.
- The Trust will have confidence in these organisations as they would have provided external annual financial audit reports, annual reports and accounted for funds, with no significant issues.
- The Trust is convinced that a multi-year grant for a consistent purpose will greatly assist the organisation in its development and operation.

Further information and the opportunity to express an interest is in the application form in the budget section.

**Please note:** Not all applicants that meet the criteria will be selected to receive a multi-year grant, especially in this the first year.

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have queries regarding multi-year grants.

## Eligibility Check List

Please read the Eligibility guidelines on our [website](#) and see the [searchable map](#) of the Trust boundaries. The three eligibility criteria are outlined below.

**Please select all statements that apply to your organisation. \***

- My organisation is a Not For Profit organisation
  - My organisation is located or operating in the WEL Energy Trust region
  - My organisation has been operational for more than 12 months
- Evidence of operation may be required, for example Certificate of Incorporation, bank account statements or meeting minutes

**I confirm that my organisation meets all the above criteria and I am eligible to apply \***

- Yes
- No or unsure - I will contact the Trust Grants staff to discuss

**Please contact us before proceeding if any of the above statements do not apply, or if you have any questions about your application. Contact via email at [funding@welenergytrust.co.nz](mailto:funding@welenergytrust.co.nz) or by phoning 07 8380093.**

## Applicant Details

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### Organisation Details

**Organisation Name \***

Please do NOT use all capital letters

**Trading Name**

If different from organisation name

**Postal Address \***

Address

Suburb    Town/  
            City            Postcode

**Street Address**

**Website**

Must be a URL

### Contact for Application

All communication regarding the application will be sent to the contact person below

**Contact name \***

First Name

Last Name

**Position title \***

**Phone number \***

**Mobile phone number**

**Contact email address \***

Must be an email address

**Is the above contact person the same as the head of the organisation: \***

- Yes - no need to complete next section  
 No - Please complete next section

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### Head of Organisation Contact

#### Head of organisation \*

First Name

Last Name

#### Position \*

E.g. - President, Chair, CEO or manager etc

#### Phone number \*

#### Email address \*

### Organisation Details

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#### Legal status \*

- Charitable Trust
- Incorporated Society
- Other

#### If other please describe

### Incorporated Societies

#### Please attach a copy of your new signed constitution document under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 \*

Attach a file:

Please note we will not fund incorporated societies that cannot provide evidence of current registration.

### Organisation Oversight

#### Is your organisation responsible to or managed by another organisation? \*

- Yes
- No

#### If yes, please give details

## Governance

**Please briefly describe your governance structure and operation**

Word count:  
Must be no more than 100 words.

**Year your organisation was established \***

**If less than 12 months, please put date established**

## Charitable Status

The Trust is required to pay tax on grants to organisations that are not tax exempt. In order to make more funds available for distribution it is most advantageous for the Trust if organisations are registered with Charities Services or have an IRD tax exemption.

**We therefore strongly encourage all organisations to register with Charities Services or apply for an IRD tax exemption.**

**Is your organisation registered as a charity? \***

- Yes
- No
- Pending (application submitted to Charities Services)

**Charities Services Registration Number - Please enter your CC number, starting with CC**

The Charity Registration Number provided will be used to look up the following information. Click [Lookup](#) above to check that you have entered the Charity Registration Number correctly.

| New Zealand Charities Register Information |
|--|
| Charity Registration Number                |
| Organisation Name                          |
| Other Names                                |
| Status                                     |
| Street Address                             |
| Postal Address                             |
| Telephone                                  |
| Fax  |
| Email                                      |
| Website                                    |

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Date Registered

Must be formatted correctly ie CCxxxxx

**If Pending, when was your application to Charities Services submitted and when do you expect to hear back?**

**If your organisation is not registered with Charities Services please answer below.**

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- Our organisation is not registered with Charities Services, but we are exempt from tax and attach a letter from IRD
- Our organisation is not exempt from tax

**Please attach exemption letter from IRD**

Attach a file:

Please note a Certificate of Exemption from Resident Withholding Tax on Interest and Dividends (IR15C) does not mean you have tax exempt status

## Staff, members and volunteers

**Approximately how many members/clients are associated with your organisation? \***

- Members  
 Clients

**Number of volunteers**

Comments if any

**Number of paid staff (full time equivalents) \***

## Organisation Background

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### Objectives and planning

**What are the purpose and objectives of your organisation? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words

**What activities, services or programmes do you currently provide? \***

Word count:

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Must be no more than 200 words.

### Organisation Strategy

**Please comment briefly on your organisational strategic planning process and the resulting strategic direction? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

**If you think it would be helpful please attach a copy of your strategic plan**

Attach a file:

Please note this is not a requirement as part of the application.

### Funding Proposal

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**Application Title \***

Must be no more than 150 characters.

For example "ABC Operating Costs 2026" or "XYZ Event Costs"

**Please give your application type \***

**What are you specifically seeking funding for? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Provide a short description of what any grant funds will expended on.

**Is your proposal for a set time or ongoing? \***

- Ongoing project or proposal
- Set time

**Comments:**

Start Date

End Date

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Must allow processing of 10 weeks from round closure before project start date.

### Intended Outcomes

**What specific outcomes are you planning to achieve? Please comment on the impact for your/the community and why this is important. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

### Effects Experienced by Beneficiaries

**Who will benefit from your work? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Describe the target gender and age of those benefiting

**Where are the beneficiaries located within our region? See link below for map. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 30 words.

Click here to view the [WEL Energy Trust Map](#)

### Depth of the Effects

**How many people are expected to benefit from your work? \***

Must be a whole number

**How will people benefit? What is the depth, scale and time frame of the planned effects? \***

Word count:

In other words what does success look like for your work. Must be no more than 150 words.

### Contribution to Impact

Click here to view our [Community Investment Strategy 2025-2028](#)

**How does your organisation contribute to the Trust's aims and pou/pillars? \***

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Word count:  
Must be no more than 200 words.

### How will you measure and evaluate the outcomes and impact of your proposal? \*

Word count:  
Must be no more than 150 words.

## Potential Risks

We are aware there are risks associated with achieving outcomes. This is not necessarily a bad thing if you are aware of the possible risks and how these would be mitigated. Sometimes the higher the risk the higher the potential return or impact. Risks include not achieving expected outcomes or the risk of unintended consequences.

### Please comments on potential risks and your response to mitigating these: \*

Word count:  
Must be no more than 150 words.

## Budget, IRD and GST

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IRD Number

Please enter numbers only

Is your organisation registered for GST

- Yes  
 No

## Budget

### Outline your project budget including details of other funding that has been applied for and indicate whether it is confirmed or not.

If you are seeking a grant towards general operating expenses, please provide an indication of overall anticipated income and expenses. If your request is project related, please include budget details regarding the project only.

**If you have a more detailed separate budget that relates to and supports your funding request, you can attach this below.** If you do this, you will need to at least complete the top line in the sheet below with the total high-level amounts.

**If registered for GST, please use GST exclusive figures.**

Click here to view an [Example Budget Table](#)

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| Income Description                            | \$                      | Confirmed | Expenditure Description                       | \$                      | Confirmed |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|---|-------------------------|-----------|
| Click Add Row if additional rows are required | Must be a dollar amount | Yes/No    | Click Add Row if additional rows are required | Must be a dollar amount | Yes/No    |
|   | \$                      |           |   | \$                      |           |
|   | \$                      |           |   | \$                      |           |
|   | \$                      |           |   | \$                      |           |
|   | \$                      |           |   | \$                      |           |
|   | \$                      |           |   | \$                      |           |

### Budget Totals

**Total Income Amount**  
 \$   
 This number/amount is calculated.

**Total Expenditure Amount**  
 \$   
 This number/amount is calculated.

**Income less Expenditure**  
 \$   
 This number/amount is calculated.

**Please upload your detailed budget (if applicable)**

Attach a file:

### Project funding and amount requested

**Total proposal or project cost: \***  
 \$   
 Must be a whole dollar amount

**How will any shortfall be met? (please list any unconfirmed funding sources and related details)**

**Total confirmed funding \***  
 \$   
 How much confirmed funding do you already have?

**Amount requested: \***  
 \$   
 Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents)

### Multi-Year grants - expression of interest

Multi-Year funding is now available to approved and selected Community Support (CS) applicants that indicate an interest and meet the criteria.

#### Multi-Year grants- Criteria

- Your organisation would have received consistent CS grants in the previous three years at levels above \$30,000
- These previous applications and the acquittal reporting have not presented any issues or concerns.
- It is anticipated that grant levels will typically be for larger grants, ie, \$40,000+.

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- The Trust is convinced that a multi-year grant for a consistent purpose will greatly assist the organisation in its development and operation.

This year we will be looking to approve grants for either 2 or 3 years for the same amount each year.

**Please note:** Not all applicants that meet the criteria will be selected to receive a multi-year grant, especially in this the first year.

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have queries regarding multi-year grants.

### Expression of Interest for Multi-Year grant

#### I would like this application to be considered for a multi-year grant

Yes

### Multi-year Funding Agreement – Key Points

- Funding agreements would be for two to three years with an annual review process.
- The Year 2 and year 3 grants will be conditional on organisations submitting a satisfactory annual acquittal report before successive grants are paid.
- The reporting will include the need to attach latest annual certified accounts and details of any significant organisational changes.
- The review process may include asking multi-year recipients to attend a special event to present highlights and achievement for the past year.
- The agreement will include mutually agreed outcomes, their measurement and reporting.
- Organisations cannot apply for another Quick Response or CS grant while the multi-year funding is current. This will not impact on other grants (such as Whare Ora, VICE or Convening and Organisational Development).
- Organisations must use the grant for the purpose granted and any changes are at the discretion of the Trust.
- Organisations can give notice to opt out of the multi-year agreement and submit a new annual grant application in the following year.
- The Trust reserves the right to opt out of future payments if they deem it unwise to continue through either a detrimental effect on the Trust finances and/or a change in the organisations circumstances. The organisational change could be for the worse or the better (ie, the need for the on-going grant might no longer be required).
- Organisations will be required to submit details of longer-term planning and outcome statements which will inform a funding agreement. This will include measurement criteria, milestones and annual reporting details.

### Bank Account

All grant payments from the Trust are direct credited to a verified bank account. Even if you have previously submitted a bank deposit slip or signed bank verification, we require this again.

**Please ensure the account number, including suffix, corresponds with the deposit slip or bank verification that you have attached below.**

**Please attach a scanned bank verification form or deposit slip with your organisation's bank account number. \***

Attach a file:

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### Account Name \*

Please only use letters, numerals, spaces and the following special characters ( ) \* - / & .

### Bank Account Number \*

Must be between 15 and 16 characters.

Please use number only, no spaces or dashes.

## Annual Accounts Upload & Current Financial Position

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### Latest Annual Accounts

**The Trust requires your latest annual financial statements to be submitted. These need to be certified, independently reviewed or audited, depending on your annual level of expenses. Please note that we have aligned with the latest financial reporting requirements of Charities Services.**

**If your Deed/Constitution outlines a higher level of review or auditing than that of Charities Services, please attach those.**

**Please indicate your annual level of expenses below as this will determine the type of document we require. Please then attach accordingly.**

**Please indicate your annual expenditure level. \***

- Under \$550,000 annual operating expenses
- Between \$550,000 and \$1.1million in each of the last two financial years
- Over \$1.1million in each of the last two financial years

PLEASE NOTE - We may not accept applications where the submitted accounts year end date is more than 24 months ago.

**Under \$550,000 annual operating expenses - a certified copy of your latest annual accounts \***

Attach a file:

Must be signed and certified by an official in your organisation (not the person who prepared the accounts). We will NOT accept uncertified accounts.

**Between \$550,000 and \$1.1 million annual operating expenses - an independently reviewed copy of your latest annual accounts \***

Attach a file:

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Must be signed and certified by a qualified reviewer independent of your organisation

### Over \$1.1 million annual operating expenses - a copy of your latest annual accounts that have been audited by a qualified auditor \*

Attach a file:

Must be signed and certified by a qualified auditor

### Financial Summary from latest accounts

| Financial Summary for year ending | Or period from       | To                   |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/>              | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

**Income: \***

Must be a whole dollar amount (no cents).

**Expenditure: \***

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

**Surplus or deficit: \***

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

**Please click if deficit or loss**

Deficit

**Balance sheet equity \***

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

**If your annual accounts are for a period end that is more than 18 months ago, and the subsequent accounts have not been finalised please ALSO attach a set of your latest draft accounts.**

Attach a file:

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### Current funds - please include all bank accounts

**Total current funds in hand: \***

\$

Must be a dollar amount

**As at \***

**Please attach copies of latest bank statement(s) for all accounts \***

Attach a file:

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**If your organisation has surplus or investment funds please indicate if these are tagged for a specific purpose and if so, when they will be used. Please also indicate any directly associated entities that support, fund or hold funds for your organisation.**

## Supporting documents

### Annual Report

If your organisation has produced an annual report, please either attach this below or include a website link.

#### **Attach an electronic copy of your most recent Annual Report:**

Attach a file:

#### **Annual Report website link:**

Must be a URL

### Support Material:

If you wish to attach any other documents supporting your application, please attach here.

**Note the information must be directly relevant to the application.**

Attach a file:

Where possible please use document file names that reflect the name of the document.

## Declaration

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### Declaration and submission

I solemnly declare that all details contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have the authority to commit the organisation to this application. I acknowledge that the Trust's decision on this application will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

I confirm that I have read and accept the Trust's [Terms and Conditions](#).

I agree that I will contact the WEL Energy Trust immediately if any information provided in this application changes or is found to be incorrect.

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Pursuant to the Privacy Act 2020, you are advised that the information supplied will be used by the Trust to make such inquiry as it sees fit to establish the accuracy of the details supplied and such other information as it considers appropriate to make a decision on the application.

**I am authorised to complete this application and have read and understood the declaration \***

Yes

**Authorised Person's Name \***

First Name

Last Name

**Position held in organisation \***

**Date of declaration \***

Must be a date

**Contact phone number \***