



Marae Sustainability Fund

Ki a koutou ngā kaiwhakahaere o ngā marae maha o te rohe, tēnei te mihi atu ki a koutou

Western Bay of Plenty District Council is pleased to advise the opening of our Marae Sustainability Fund 2023/2024. This fund is to support the Sustainability of Marae belonging to Iwi and Hapū within Council's boundaries.

What is the Marae Sustainability Fund?

The Marae Sustainability Fund provides financial support towards the maintenance of Marae belonging to qualifying Iwi and Hapū. The fund for 2023/24 is \$55,000.

Why is Council offering the Marae Sustainability Fund?

Iwi and Hapū tend to use their Marae as community meeting places, while also paying rates for the provision of Council-funded community halls. There is reduced demand for these Council facilities as a result, and in some cases Marae are also offered as community hubs. In light of this, Council established this fund to assist with the maintenance of those Marae.

Who can apply to the Marae Sustainability Fund?

All Iwi or Hapū who have marae within Western Bay Council boundaries can apply for this fund.

What can the Marae Sustainability Fund be used for?

Applications may be made for the following purposes:

- External works (protection of the fabric of the building ensuring it is structurally sound and watertight)
- Health and safety (work that ensures the building is safe and secure for all using it; includes electricity work, faulty floorboards, plumbing and lighting, etc.)
- Hygiene (matters related primarily to drainage, kitchens, bathrooms, and toilet areas)
- Interior structure (walls, ceilings and the internal structures not already covered by the areas above)
- Grounds Sustainability (such as internal footpaths/walkways).

The Fund is not available for the following purposes:

- Insurance
- Utilities (such as water and power use charges) and ongoing costs not associated with maintenance.

How do I make application to the Marae Sustainability Fund?

We have provided you with an application form. Applications open on Monday 3 July 2023 and will remain open until 31 May 2024 or until the fund is exhausted (whichever comes first).

If you have any queries, please contact Council's Kaupapa Māori Team at kaupapa.maori@westernbay.govt.nz