

Community Matching Fund Successful Projects 2024



General Fund

Organisation	Grant	Explanation
Aquatic Survival Skills Trust	\$4,500	Teaching children basic survival skills to help 'save lives' and reduce drownings: delivered 'free' to schools. Funding will help towards this.
Chrome Collective Charitable Trust	\$3,000	To continue mentoring and supporting people with disabilities into their community through employment opportunities, community participation and vocational training.
Graeme Dingle Foundation	\$10,000	Funding has been secured for Project K programmes in Katikati and Te Puke. This 14-month programme supports at-risk Year 10 students, helping to improve their lives and academic outcomes.
Grow On Katikati	\$1,500	To help Grow On Katikati continue connecting and empowering locals to be kai resilient through programmes enabling sharing seeds, seedlings and developing skills.
Kaimai Outdoor Centre Inc. t/a Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre	\$2,000	To inspire children's imaginations, the Centre is creating an outdoor play area with natural materials like logs and bamboo, including a launching pad for a tree swing. This grant will fund the construction of outdoor storage for these resources.
Katikati Cricket Club	\$5,000	Katikati Cricket Club has received funding to build two sight screens at the Katikati Cricket ground. This will complete the necessary infrastructure, making the ground suitable for all levels of cricket, meeting safety requirements, and encouraging more participation.
Katikati Men with Cancer Exercise Class	\$1,000	A weekly class for men suffering all types of cancers, the classes are run by physiotherapists from Habit Health situated in the Katikati Medical Centre. This grant will ensure weekly classes continue to be delivered.
Katikati Squash Rackets Club Inc.	\$2,500	The Squash Club has been granted money towards the refresh of their club.
Live Well Waihi Beach	\$5,000	This grant is to help cover the cost of an adult adjustable-height change table to be used in an accessible space at the local Surf Club, making it easier for people with high needs to get ready to enjoy the beach.
Katikati Repair Café	\$1,200	The funds will be used to establish a regular Repair Cafe in Katikati including consumables, supplies, marketing and signage. A Repair Café is a place you can bring your broken belongings and volunteer experts will do their best to help you repair them, for free, along with a cuppa and chat.
Ngā Kakano Foundation	\$6,129.90	Tūāpapa Auaha means creative foundations. This grant will support the healthy lifestyles programme, Tūāpapa Auaha, helping rangatahi progress towards a pathway of education or employment. This programme also uses art as a medium for cultural and individual expression.
Ohauti Settlers Assoc. Inc.	\$1,650	To purchase a defibrillator and cabinet that will be accessible in an emergency for this rural community hall.

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Paengaroa Community Hall Inc.	\$1,484.68	To help Paengaroa Community Hall members complete their car park bank retaining wall to stop the erosion of the bank and make the car park area more presentable to visitors and hall hirers.
Pongakawa Playcentre	\$6,500	The Playcentre has secured funding of equipment and a shade sail for the playground ensuring an inclusive and safe play space.
Pyes Pa School	\$5,000	Senior students are undertaking a service and leadership project to create a legacy for Pyes Pa School - a scooter and multi-purpose track to complement the playgrounds, which are widely used after school hours. Funding has been granted toward this initiative.
ReachOut Trust	\$2,500	Student Pancake Thursday, run by the Katikati Combined Churches from St Peters Anglican Church, provides pancakes to students before school on Thursday mornings. We are pleased to provide funding for the necessary utensils to support this great initiative.
Surf Life Saving Club Maketu Inc.	\$7,850	The Club has received funding for foam boards and hi-vis rash shirts for their junior surf programme. This programme teaches surf safety to kids under 14, encouraging them to pursue Surf Life Saving and community volunteerism.
Tauranga Pony Club - Katikati Branch	\$2,000	Funding has been granted towards sports equipment for the Katikati Pony Club. The Club holds fortnightly rallies and frequent competitions.
Te Puke Community Gardens	\$1,200	Ongoing process of getting seedlings grown for the community garden for the produce of fresh vegetables distributed throughout the community.
Te Puke Family Heritage Group Inc.	\$1,000	The group continues its work on the Te Puke cemeteries, now focusing on burials at the new Te Puke Cemetery while also updating records for the old Te Puke Cemetery. Once the new cemetery is complete, they will begin work on the burials at Wharekahu in Maketu.
Te Puke Gymsport Inc.	\$800	Te Puke Gymsport offers a variety of movement and gymnastics classes for all ages and skill levels. Funding has been granted towards the First Aid costs of the coaching staff.
Te Puke High School	\$5,000	This grant will enhance accessibility at Te Puke High School's Community Gardens by funding the construction of raised concrete garden beds for easy access by wheelchair users and high-needs learners.
Waihi Beach Community Patrol	\$3,000	This grant will enhance community safety by supporting trained volunteers in Community Patrols, who act as the 'eyes and ears' of the Police. They report suspicious activity, assist in emergencies, and advise residents about unsecured premises.
Waihi Beach School	\$3,500	The school has secured funding to help towards the cost of a large shade sail to be put over the playground area for the school and community to use safely.
Waipuna Hospice Inc.	\$2,000	Waipuna Hospice supports families through grief with bereavement materials, including a booklet on grief and loss, support group contacts, and seminar details. This grant will help fund these resources.
WBOP Neighbourhood Support	\$4,520.42	Neighbourhood Support helps neighbours form groups to communicate about crime prevention and mutual support, fostering community connections. This grant will be used to revive Te Puke Neighbourhood Support.
Western Bay Heritage Trust	\$1,500	The museum has secured funding for its Memory Trunk and Lending programme, which will allow it to prepare items from the collection for display at marae, retirement villages, and for use in local schools' 1960s educational programmes.
Youth Encounter Ministries Trust	\$3,000	Funding has been granted to the Trust for their Moroki Service, a service for young people that provides recreational activities, mentoring support, and access to clinical counselling. It empowers them to break negative cycles, build resilience, and foster confidence for sustained personal growth and freedom.



Environmental Fund

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Friends of The Blade (as part of Whakamarama Community Inc.)	\$3,500	To support the expansion of the trapping area into the final quadrant to achieve 500 hectares of sustained pest control. Until now, this area has proven to be too challenging to use traditional traps. This funding will supply new traps which have technological advancements that will make trapping this area more achievable.
Maketu Ōngātoto Wetland Society (MOWS)	\$7,590	This funding will enable the enhancement of native biodiversity, and expand educational opportunities with a contribution towards equipment needed such as a portable toilet, a shed and ATV upgrades. By providing improved resources and infrastructure, MOWS will be able to create a more engaged community dedicated to preserving te taiao and educating future generations.
Ngāpeke Permaculture	\$10,000	This grant will contribute towards a new tractor with a bucket and mulch mower to assist with mechanical and manual weed management strategies. Ngāpeke Permaculture's operation is 100% chemical pesticide and herbicide free and they control weeds by physically removing them. This is ongoing physical mahi that will be aided by the use of a tractor, bucket and mower.
Pendergrast Memorial Heritage Park Trust	\$7,500	To contribute towards the construction of a composting toilet that will be used by community volunteers and children who come to volunteer at the park.
Pest Free Ōmokoroa	\$700	Pest Free Ōmokoroa will use these funds to contribute towards the removal of pest plants on the foreshore side of the Tinopai Reserve walkway/ cycleway. They will replace them with suitable native and estuary plants that will handle the ground conditions adjacent to the tidal margins.
Pest Trap Library as part of Whakamarama Community Inc.	\$2,575	To provide additional traps to supplement the well-used and successful Whakamārama Trap Library's collection. Traps are loaned to the community for free for an initial period of three months with a right to renew if there are enough available traps.
Predator Free Waihi Beach	\$7,500	This grant is a contribution towards the operating costs of making the trig trail at the reserve predator free. The grant will contribute towards the equipment needed to achieve this goal delivered by the local community.
Rotoehu Ecological Trust	\$2,000	Rotoehu Ecological Trust (RET) assists DOC with pest control in the premier kōkako location in New Zealand. This grant will support RET to undertake a rat control operation in spring 2024, along with an additional expansion during summer 2024 in preparation for another rat control operation in Spring 2025. The goal (set by DOC as appropriate for a self-sustaining kōkako population) is to have 2000 ha underground-based pest control.
Te Rereatukāhia Marae	\$3,000	Te Rereatukāhia aims to create a nursery within their pā with two objectives. One objective is a kāinga nursery to raise vegetable seedlings that will address food sovereignty and kai resilience. The second objective is to raise native seedlings to allow their marae to plant endemic and native rākau in a wide range of areas including riparian along the Rereatukāhia awa and upper repo in the central upper pā as well as planting out the wetlands on the lower papakāinga.
The Ōtānewainuku Kiwi Trust	\$1,300	Ōtānewainuku Kiwi Trust's integrated pest animal management programme is the cornerstone for their mission to protect and restore biodiversity at Ōtānewainuku. This significant annual undertaking relies heavily on volunteers and this funding will equip them with the tools they need for the coming year.