



Marae Sustainability Initiatives 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 availability of our Marae Sustainability Initiatives Fund 2024/2025.

What is the Marae Sustainability Initiatives Fund?

This fund supports sustainability initiatives by providing financial support towards the maintenance of Marae within Council's boundaries. The fund for 2024/25 is \$55,000.

Why is Council offering the Marae Sustainability Initiatives 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 Initiatives Fund?

All marae within Western Bay of Plenty District Council boundaries are eligible to apply for this fund.

What can the Marae Sustainability Initiatives 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); and
- Grounds Sustainability (such as internal footpaths/walkways).

The Fund is not available for:

Insurance, utilities (such as water and power use charges), or ongoing costs not associated with maintenance.

How do I make an application to the Marae Sustainability Initiatives Fund?

We have provided you with an application form.

Applications will remain open until 31 May 2025 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.

