



Applying to the Ethnic Communities Development Fund

what you need to know



Applying for funding:

There is \$4.2 million of funding available each year. You will need to fill in an application, and you will be asked to show how your project supports the purpose and priorities of the Fund.

Purpose: New Zealand communities are welcoming and inclusive, and ethnic communities connect and take part in society.

Priorities:

- including and welcoming ethnic diversity into our neighbourhoods
- promoting ethnic diversity and understanding – including educating New Zealanders about the contribution of ethnic communities
- developing capability and ability within ethnic communities
- encouraging participation in employment and society
- supporting our ethnic communities to thrive through the practice and celebration of culture

Who can apply?

Groups with projects that benefit ethnic communities in New Zealand.

Ethnic communities - our definition of ethnic communities includes migrants, former refugees, long-term settlers, and those born in New Zealand who identify their ethnicity as:

- African
- Asian
- Continental European
- Latin American
- Middle Eastern

Information on grants available to all communities is available at community.matters@dia.govt.nz

Please note groups without legal status are limited to a total of \$10,000.



Timing for grants:

There is no closing date - the fund is permanently open. You will find out if your funding has been approved within eight weeks of applying.

You can apply more than once. Your group will need to spend the funding within 12 months from when you get it.

Funding across more than one year is available for groups who have:

- been set up for at least two years
- good grant management history
- evidence of good governance and management systems
- experience in or can show experience in running a similar project
- legal status (such as incorporated societies) if the application is more than \$10K for any one year.

Is there anything you won't fund?

There are some projects that are not able to get funding through this fund, like:

- ongoing salaries and/or administration costs
- grants to individuals
- capital works
- already completed projects
- debt repayment
- projects specifically intended to generate profit
- promoting commercial businesses, political objectives or religious ministry.

How we make decisions:

We have a panel that looks at all the applications and recommends the projects that should be funded. The Director, Office of Ethnic Communities makes the final decisions about funding.

To be successful, funding applications need to:

- show how they support the Fund's purpose and priorities
- benefit an ethnic community or communities
- be well designed and planned
- show the group has the ability to deliver a successful project
- have a clear start and end date within the next year
- be a project that will be undertaken in New Zealand.

Need help or more information?

Contact a Community Advisor on
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