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**The Ethnic Communities Digital Inclusion Fund is now open**

* The Office of Ethnic Communities has launched the Ethnic Communities Digital Inclusion Fund (the Fund).
* The Fund’s purpose is to ensure ethnic communities can fully participate in Aotearoa New Zealand by increasing their confidence to use digital technologies.
* The priorities of the Fund are to ensure that ethnic communities:
  + have the **skills** and digital know-how to use digital technology and the internet in ways that are appropriate and beneficial;
  + are **motivated** to understand how digital technology and the internet can help them connect, learn or access opportunities;
  + **trust** the internet and online services and have the confidence and digital literacy to manage personal information.
* Your project must support the purpose of the Fund and at least one priority. It must also align with the [evaluation framework](https://www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/our-programmes/ethnic-communities-digital-inclusion-fund/evaluation-framework-for-ethnic-communities-digital-inclusion-fund/).
* The total amount of funding available is $200,000 to be distributed by 30 June 2021.
* Applications for the Fund close at **11:59pm on Wednesday, 28 April 2021**. Decisions will be made after the closing date, and fund applicants will be notified in June.
* For more information and to apply please visit the [Office of Ethnic Communities website](https://www.ethniccommunities.govt.nz/our-programmes/ethnic-communities-digital-inclusion-fund/).

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