

**Hui E!**  
Community Aotearoa

HE TONO PŪTEA WHĀNUI O HUI E!

# **Hui E! Community Aotearoa General Funding Application**

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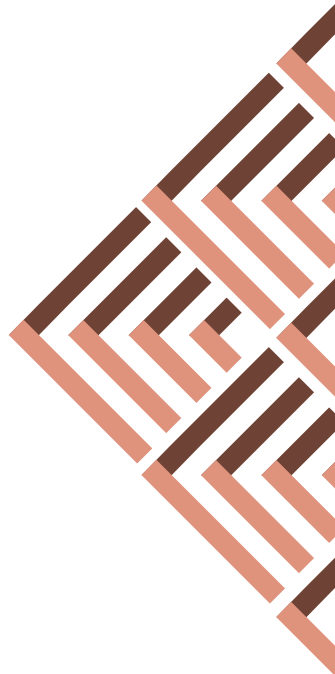
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# Tēnā koutou.

## Welcome to our general funding application for 2023 – 2024.

Our application provides what you, as a funder, need to know to tautoko / support our kaupapa. It is a way for us to share our mahi, our impact, and our needs with you while conserving our resources. Every opportunity to submit a general funding application instead of multiple funding applications gives us more time to work frontline with those we serve.

Ngā mihi maioha for reading our application. We look forward to working in partnership with you to better serve our communities, hapū and iwi.



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# About Hui E! Community Aotearoa

## OUR VISION IS:

**Kia mahi tahi ngā tāngata kia puāwai** / Flourishing Communities.

## OUR MISSION IS:

**Hui e te mārama e, hui e te oranga e** / From knowledge comes wellbeing<sup>1</sup>.

We weave collective voices and drive equitable systems change so that communities, hapū and iwi can do what they do best.



We champion and tautoko the mahi of thousands of communities, hapū and iwi across Aotearoa New Zealand.

In 2022, we were inspired by a metaphor used by the non-profit leader Vu Le,

“Support organisations, like mycelium, are often invisible.” This describes our role in the sector and our impact very well. Although not highly visible, our role as a support organisation makes it possible for service providers to thrive.

*“The mahi of Hui E! and similar support groups...lifts the mahi of others, sharing and channelling resources. Networks like ours are rarely visible but nourish others and lead to the bearing of fruit.”*

**Rochelle Stewart-Allen, Hui E! Kaiwhakahaere Matua / Chief Executive**

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# Hui E! Strategy and Impact

At Hui E! we have three strategic priorities:

1. **Building capability and connections** across and between communities, hāpu and iwi.
2. **Advocating for change** to the funding system so that funding better responds to community, hāpu and iwi needs and aspirations.
3. **Taking the next steps in our Tiriti journey**, both reflecting and reaching out.

Across all three of our priorities, in everything we do, we strive to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We seek to build programmes and relationships for the long term, focusing on changing systems for the better.

*“For us, Hui E! was able to give us that advisory lens and some channels for professional development. It’s invaluable finding someone who is really experienced in your field to support you and lend their experience. Someone who has trod the journey before you is always going to be really helpful. Hui E! did that for us.”*

**Diane Eaglesome, Project Employ**

## **Hui E! builds capability and connections**

Towards building capability and connections between communities, hapū and iwi, we:

- support communities, hapū and iwi with resources to access funding and gain resilience
- provide networking and training for communities, hapū and iwi to connect, gain skills, and build greater strength and stability
- represent the sector to government, businesses and other funders, through research, advocacy, and partnership
- drive equitable systems change so that communities, hapū and iwi can do what they do best.

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# Hui E! collaborates with our partners and funders

*“We work strategically to tautoko each other. Hui E! is an ally, a friend, a support. We have a strong relationship with them where we can go with each other into places and spaces.”*

**Michelle Kitney, Volunteering New Zealand**

We believe in the power of partnership to make a real difference in our communities. Our partnership pou / pillars are kaitiakitanga, manaakitanga, ōritetanga, and hihiritanga. This shows our commitment to upholding the values of care, respect, balance, and connection. We recognise and honour tangata whenua as the guardians of this land. We strive to work alongside communities, hapū and iwi to promote social justice and equity.

To enter into partnership with us, we offer genuine kōrero and whanaungatanga, where we can share our perspectives and learn from one another. We welcome individuals and organisations to join us in our journey of understanding and embracing Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the rich diversity of cultures, ideas, and concepts here in Aotearoa. Together, we can use our collective voice and influence to create a more equitable world for all.

## What Hui E! contributes to our partnerships

### KNOWLEDGE

We hold specialist knowledge about the challenges and opportunities that are present within the community sector. We gain this knowledge through meaningful connections and extensive research.

### FUNDING

We help communities, hapū and iwi access funding by providing advice, support, and skilled volunteers. We also work with funders to make funding fairer.

### PEOPLE

We champion communities, hapū and iwi through bringing our diverse perspectives, skills and sector expertise. Our skilled volunteers complement this by contributing expertise across a range of areas.

### INFORMATION

We gather and disseminate valuable information, data, and relevant resources to support and empower communities, hapū and iwi.

### NETWORKS

Our network includes a diverse range of national, regional, and local communities, hapū and iwi, as well as sector-specific networks, and businesses, spread from Kaitiāia to Invercargill.

### RESOURCES

We help communities, hapū and iwi to become stronger and more resilient through providing webinars, podcasts, toolkits, funding advice, and support.



## **Hui E! advocates for change to the funding system**

*“You've clearly articulated the issues [in your Community Funding White Paper] which have been plaguing the sector for years, but also provided potential solutions. It's great to see Hui E! taking the lead and pushing for these sorts of changes, which at a systems level have the potential to positively impact everyone working in the sector and the communities they serve.”*

**Christina Howard, Strategic Change Specialist**

Through 2020 – 2022, communities, hapū and iwi were under unique pressure, including pandemic stress and funding changes. In 2023, natural disasters impacted community groups further in several regions. We join them in their challenges. Community groups and individual tūao / volunteers reach out to us for advice, learning, mentoring, networking, skills support, and advocacy.

We represent community groups with external groups, governing bodies, ministers, government agencies, philanthropic funders and businesses. We have the relationships and knowledge to support them with skills, partnerships, and a voice at the table of power. We are advocates for change when the system isn't working.



## **Hui E! is committed to tangata whenua and inclusiveness**

Our mahi is founded on recognising tangata whenua as guardians of Aotearoa and the associated rights and responsibilities. The tikanga for our mahi includes:

- equal membership of tangata whenua and tangata tiriti at our governance level
- striving for genuine and respectful partnership when building relationships within and across the sector
- advocating for better responsiveness to and support for tangata whenua.

At Hui E! our mahi is based on collective decision-making, encouraging diverse views rather than a single or dominant viewpoint. Our kaimahi and tūao / volunteers are as diverse as the communities, hapū and iwi we represent. True inclusiveness involves change and constant engagement.

*“...We have been connecting with Māori leaders of community groups, hapū and iwi. Together we are co-designing a rautaki Māori that creates a trusted network. With this we can amplify and leverage strengths, design whakaaro Māori solutions to overcome challenges, and drive equitable systems change so that our Māori community groups can continue to keep doing what they do best.”*

**Katerina Kupenga, Hui E! Pou Ārahi**

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# **Hui E! Funding Needs for 2023 - 2024**

This section provides a high-level overview of our funding needs for 2023 – 2024 and beyond. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these in more detail with you.



## Funding Hui E! benefits the community sector in all of Aotearoa New Zealand

*“I love the mahi you do, especially advocating for and supporting charities... who otherwise couldn't pay someone (e.g. advocacy, grants, strategy, facilitation etc). I love the research and collaboration that you do.”*

**Sally Warrender, Bellyful**

At Hui E! we are experienced in supporting communities, hapū and iwi. Our kaimahi and our kaitiaki bring together decades of community experience. Through Hui E! we formally advise government, businesses and funders as well as communities, hapū and iwi.

Our programmes bring resources and support to communities, hapū and iwi throughout Aotearoa, with a focus on building the strength and stability

of our smallest community groups. They make up the majority of our sector. Yet they are at the same time the least visible, least resourced and least funded.

Funding for Hui E! supports the mahi of thousands of community groups. Your financial support contributes to a better world where community groups have more equity, more impact, and happier kaimahi and tūao / volunteers.

## Hui E! in 2023 – 2024

*“Hui E! is really going places. I see you everywhere, and the amazing mahi you are doing. Congratulations and well done!”*

### **Brigitte Sistig, Repair Cafe**

We continue to respond to current events impacting community groups, supporting them when they need it. We are also focusing our mahi to make the best use of our resources on behalf of communities, hapū and iwi. To this end, we are reaching out to help community groups responding to natural disasters, including Cyclone

Gabrielle and flooding in the north; continuing our research and advocacy, particularly around raising awareness and visibility of the mahi; advancing Hui E! engagement with and resources for Māori-led organisations, creating spaces and places for Māori community groups to collectively identify what they want and need.

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## How Hui E! collaborates with funders

*“Kei te tautoko i tō kōrero me tō whakaaro - you know your communities and this kaupapa so well. So pleased you are a voice in these conversations.”*

### **Colleen Tuuta, Te Atamira, Te Tari Taiwhenua**

We prioritise compliance with funding partner requirements to maintain positive relationships and secure ongoing funding. We review funding agreements carefully. We work to meet obligations to our funders in a timely and effective manner. Our regular updates keep funding partners informed of our progress, and we seek guidance and support when needed.

We take a proactive and strategic approach to informing our funding partners of the outcomes of our mahi. We engage and inform our funding partners with regular reporting, scheduling

meetings, producing pānui, and organising hui. We also demonstrate the impact of the funding that partners have provided. Each year we send our funders our Annual Impact Report and our audited Performance Report. These are shared with all our stakeholders at our AGM.

Overall, we take compliance seriously and recognise it as a critical aspect of our work. By meeting obligations and maintaining positive relationships with funding partners, we can continue to advance our important mission.





## Supporting Documents

[Hui E! Community Aotearoa - Annual Impact Report 2022](#)

[2023 External Evaluation](#)

[Hui E! Statement of Intent](#)

[The impact of COVID on small community groups May 2022](#)

[Pānui | News from Hui E! including Cyclone Gabrielle and Auckland flooding response](#)



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