

“TE AUPŌURITANGA” FUNDING**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Te Aupōuri Group Strategic Plans are based on three Pou:

- (1) He Tangata (People),
- (2) He Whenua, Moana, Wai Māori (Land & Waterways), and
- (3) He Whai Rawa (Prosperity).

1.2 Te Aupōuri Iwi Development Trust (TAIDT) is focused on supporting the He Tangata Pou. In order to achieve this, TAIDT has developed three funding streams:

- (1) “He Tangata” Individual Funding
- (2) “Toa Takitini” Group Funding; and
- (3) Targeted “Kaupapa” Funding.

1.3 “He Tangata” funding is focussed on individuals, “Toa Takitini” funding is aimed at groups, and “Kaupapa” funding is designed to assist and support targeted projects that align with identified priority areas and the direction being taken by the Runanga in the post-settlement environment (see Te Aupōuri Strategic Plan).

1.4 The main purpose of the funding streams is to benefit Te Aupōuri community and members of Te Aupōuri irrespective of where those members reside and shall without limitation include the promotion amongst Te Aupōuri of the educational, spiritual, economic, social and cultural advancement or well-being of Te Aupōuri including the promotion of Te Reo and Tikanga of Te Aupōuri.

1.5 The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all applications considered are:

- (1) For a charitable purpose, and in accordance with the objectives and purposes of the Te Aupōuri Iwi Development Trust Deed; and
- (2) Adequate approvals are in place for the distribution of funds.

2. CRITERIA

2.1 All applicants for “He Tangata” must be registered individual Te Aupōuri members. Those who wish to apply for “Toa Takitini” and “Kaupapa” funding must identify registered individual Te Aupōuri members within their group.

2.2 The activity must contribute to at least one of the strategic goals of Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri and the application must clearly demonstrate how the activity will exclusively benefit Te Aupōuri community.

2.2 The activity or area of study must promote Te Aupōuritanga or contribute to the improvement of the health and wellbeing of the Te Aupōuri community and members of Te Aupōuri.

2.3 The approved application form must be used and must be signed by the Chairperson of your group for Toa Takitini applications. The latest audited accounts and minutes of your latest Annual General Meeting must be submitted with the application.

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3. POLICY

3.1 Each year 70% of the TAIDT annual budget will be allocated towards the three funding streams. 20% will be allocated to “He Tangata”, 15% will be allocated to “Toa Takitini” funding and 35% will be allocated to “Kaupapa” funding. The actual dollar figure will vary each year based on funding allocated to TAIDT from the Runanga and/or other funding sources.

3.2 Not all applications will be successful due to the limited funds available. The amount granted shall be a proportionate contribution towards the total cost only.

3.3 Applications for any of the funding streams can be submitted any time throughout the year. However, both “He Tangata” and “Toa Takitini” funding applications are considered and distributed at two Assessment Hui each year.

3.4 “He Tangata” applications will be assessed every July and January. Applications must be received by the TAIDT no later than 5pm on the last Friday of June for the July Assessment Hui and no later than 5pm on the third Friday of January for the January Assessment Hui. There will be no exceptions.

3.5 “Toa Takitini” applications will be assessed every April and October. Applications must be received by the TAIDT no later than 5pm on the last Friday of March for the April Assessment Hui and the last Friday of September for the October Assessment Hui. Applications must be fully completed, including the provision of required supporting documentation to be considered at the Assessment Hui.

3.6 “Kaupapa” funding will be allocated in accordance with the TAIDT Annual Plan and assessed on a case by case basis. The seven priority areas for “Kaupapa” funding are:

- (1) **Tātai Hono** - Cultural Connection & Whanaungatanga,
- (2) **Whakarauora Reo** - Language Revitalisation,
- (3) **Tiaki Whenua** - Places of Cultural & Spiritual Significance,
- (4) **Oranga Tangata** - Social Improvement & Relief of Poverty,
- (5) **Tikanga Tuku Iho** - Culture & Heritage,
- (6) **Māhuri Taniwha** - Economic Advancement & Succession Planning, and
- (7) **Wā Kāinga** –Te Kao Infrastructure.

3.7 Applications for “Kaupapa” funding will be considered as and when received as part of the of the TAIDT standing hui.

3.8 All correctly completed applications will be considered by the TAIDT or a panel appointed by them. All applicants will be notified of a decision in writing within four weeks of the TAIDT Assessment Hui. The Trust's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome.

3.9 Payment of funds will be made by direct credit to the successful applicant’s bank account – within seven days of the TAIDT Assessment Hui.

3.10 Should the applicant not attend or conduct the activity the funds were intended for, all funds must be returned to the Trust.

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3.11 Funds that have been granted based on quotes are to be spent in accordance with the quotes provided. The transaction must be completed within six weeks of the funds being deposited into the recipient's bank account. Receipts are to be provided to the TAIDT. If not expended within the six week timeframe, all funds must be returned to the TAIDT.

3.12 TAIDT will not fund any activities or events retrospectively. All applications must be for study, activities and/or events that are based in the future.

3.13 All recipients of funding by TAIDT are required to submit a written report (including images), that clearly identifies how the funding has been used - the benefits to the individual and/or group recipients; and/or how the purpose aligned with the strategic aims of the Runanga as outlined in its Strategic Plan. This may be a full or interim report depending on the application. Written reports are to be provided before the close of the next funding round (the last working Friday of June/December for He Tangata, and the last working Friday of March/September for Toa Takitini.) These may be used to promote Te Aupōuri in local publications, or Te Aupōuri publications and website.

3.14 Failure to provide written reports, may result in future applications being declined.

4. RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 The TRNOTA Chief Operating Officer is responsible for the application of this policy.

5. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

5.1 That TAIDT has made distributions as per the Runanga Budgeted allocation and in line with the TAIDT and the TRNOTA Strategic Plans.

6. REFERENCES

- Code of Conduct Policy
- Discipline and Misconduct Policy.
- Fraud Policy

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