

Cultural Initiatives Fund - Marae (Tahua Marae Hāpai Ora)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Welcome/ He mihi

What can the funding be used for?

The **Cultural Initiatives Fund - Marae (CIF-Marae)** is available to support *Marae Ora*, one of seven wellbeing outcomes in *Tāmaki Ora - Council's Māori Outcomes Strategy 2025-2027*:

“Marae are vibrant, resilient centres of Māori life - anchoring whānau, hapū, and iwi, enabling papakāinga, and supporting wider community connection, care, and resilience.”

Five options are for up to \$50k per annum each, and the remaining two are case-by-case.

- Governance and Management Support
- Marae Activations
- Non-Fixed Assets
- Digital Infrastructure & Digital Innovation
- Energy Efficiency
- Development Support for New Marae - conditions apply
- Other Expression of Interest Priorities - case-by-case

Refer to the CIF guidance for further detail [[link here](#)].

Who can apply?

The fund is available to **41 marae that Council works with, including 8 new marae.**

Applicants must also:

- Be a trust, authority or other formally recognised body, or be a Māori Reservation.
- Have appropriate governance and management structures, policies and processes in place.
- Is not a purely commercial entity.

Projects must be achievable by **30 June 2027**.

△ Note: This fund is not available to marae specifically associated with a school, tertiary institution, church, armed forces, social service provider, commercial provider, or other institution.

Refer to the list of currently supported marae [here](#).

What happens next?

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Expression of Interest (EOI) is treated as an initial application - no documentation required at this stage.

- EOs will be assessed within **10 working days**.
- Projects that meet criteria will be invited to submit a **full application**.
- Submitting a full application does not guarantee funding.
- Final decisions are made by a council committee.

Timeframes

- **EOI opens:** 28 October 2025
- **Summer round (full applications):** Closes **27 February 2026** → Awards in March
- **Potential second round (if funds are still available):** Closes **30 July 2026** → Awards in September

All applicants will be notified within **five working days** of the decision on their full application.

Your organisation and Marae details

* indicates a required field

Is your marae one of the 41 marae currently supported by Council? *

Yes No

Refer to the list of marae here [\[link\]](#)

Is your marae a new or emerging marae not currently on Council's list?

Yes No/Unsure

Please contact us if you are unsure.

Organisation, group or marae name *

Organisation Name

Contact person's full legal name *

Contact person's role in the organisation/marae *

Property address *

Address

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Suburb/Town State/Province Postcode Country

Must be a New Zealand postcodeAddress Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required..
Address of affected property

Project location

If your project will take place at a different site, please provide that address here.

Email *

Phone *

Best number to reach you on

Iwi/Hapu

Website and/or Facebook page

Requested Support

You may apply for more than one option. At the end of the form, you will be asked to identify your top priorities in order of preference

Which of the below would you like support for?

- Governance and Management Support (up to \$50,000)
- Marae Activations (up to \$50,000)
- Non-Fixed Assets (up to \$50,000)
- Digital Infrastructure & Digital Innovation (up to \$50,000)
- Energy Efficiency (up to \$50,000)
- Development Support for New Marae (conditions apply)
- Other Expression of Interest Priorities (case-by-case)

Governance & Management Support (\leq \$50,000)

Amount Requested (excl. GST)

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 50000.

Amount Requested (incl. GST)

This number/amount is calculated.

Please describe the support required to strengthen your marae for governance, management, and operational capacity.

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Must be no more than 500 characters.

Marae Activations (\leq \$50,000)

Amount Requested (excl. GST)

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 50000.

Amount Requested (incl. GST)

This number/amount is calculated.

Please describe the activation (event/activity), expected outcomes, and use of funding

Must be no more than 500 characters.

Non-fixed Assets (\leq \$50,000)

Amount Requested (excl. GST)

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 50000.

Amount Requested (incl. GST)

This number/amount is calculated.

Please describe the request, and the outcomes you are trying to achieve for your marae

Must be no more than 500 characters.

Digital Infrastructure & Digital Innovation (\leq \$50,000)

Amount Requested (excl. GST)

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 50000.

Amount Requested (incl. GST)

This number/amount is calculated.

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Please describe your project / expression of interest:

Please describe the digital project, what it will achieve for your marae, and how the funding will be used (for example, improving connectivity, installing software systems, digital signage, or server hardware).

Energy Efficiency (≤\$50,000)

Amount Requested (excl. GST)

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 50000.

Amount Requested (incl. GST)

This number/amount is calculated.

Please describe your project, expected energy efficiency focus and intended impact, and how funding will be applied

Must be no more than 500 characters.

Development Support for New Marae (conditions apply)

Amount Requested (excl. GST)

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 50000.

Amount Requested (incl. GST)

This number/amount is calculated.

Outline the support you require for your new marae. Supporting new marae is a complex area for council, so selecting this option will generate a meeting with council staff to determine what support may be available

Must be no more than 500 characters.

Other Expression of Interest Priorities (case-by-case funding)

Support Area (please specify):

Amount Requested (excl. GST)

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Must be a dollar amount and no more than 50000.

Amount Requested (incl. GST)

This number/amount is calculated.

Please describe your project / expression of interest:

Please describe the project, why it is important to your marae, and how this funding would be applied

Priority Choice

Please identify your funding priorities.

If applying for more than one type of support, please rank them in order of importance. Funding may only be available for one request at a time, so this helps us understand your priorities for your marae.

First priority

Second Priority

Third Priority

Requested or Secured Funding

Have you requested or secured funding for any of the funding options that you selected? *

Yes No

Including funding provided in-kind (e.g. goods or services instead of cash)

Other funding sources

If you have secured or requested funding from another source for the projects above, please provide detail in the table below.

Project or Activity	Funding organisation	Total funding received (including GST)	Has funding been provided in-kind?
Please ensure the project or activity links directly with one of the funding options selected."		Must be a dollar amount.	Was any part of this funding provided in-kind (e.g., goods or services instead of cash)?
			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Totals & Funding Summary

Total Funding Requested (excl. GST)

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Funding Requested (including GST)

This number/amount is calculated.

Amount sourced from other funders (including GST)

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Declaration and Privacy

* indicates a required field

Terms and conditions

If your application is successful and receives funding, terms and conditions will apply and these will be specified in the subsequent Auckland Council funding agreement.

Declaration

I declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the information supplied in this application on behalf of our organisation is correct.

I declare that this application is made with the full knowledge of the organisation we represent

I understand that information submitted may be shared with other partner agencies or funding organisations for the purposes of assessing this application and coordinating funding - Please also refer to the Privacy statement below

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Accept

Decline

When you submit your application, you will receive an automated confirmation email with a copy of your submitted application attached. This will be sent to the email you used to register.

If you do not receive a confirmation of submission email then you should presume that your submission has NOT been submitted.

Confirmation *

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- I understand and will check my "junk" mail if an acknowledgement email is not received

Privacy

Any personal information that you provide in this form will be held and protected by Auckland Council in accordance with our privacy policy (available at www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/privacy and at our libraries and service centres) and with the Privacy Act 1993. Our privacy policy explains how we may use and share your personal information in relation to any interaction you have with the council, and how you can access and correct that information. We recommend you familiarise yourself with this policy.

If you need assistance please contact the Specialist Advisor Daylyn Braganza at daylyn.braganza@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Declaration and privacy / Ngā whakīnga whai pānga me te noho tapu o ngā kōrero

* indicates a required field

Declaration

Note: Auckland Council reserves the right to subsequently decline an application or request a refund of a grant if any of the above information is found to be incorrect.

I/We certify that to the best of our/my knowledge the information contained in this application is correct

- Yes No

I/We confirm that any funds granted will only be used for the activity described in this application

- Yes No

I/We confirm that to the best of our/my knowledge I/we have no perceived, potential or actual conflict of interest in applying for or using any grant funding

- Yes No

If you received help or guidance on completing this application from Auckland Council staff, please indicate their name and position within Auckland Council

For guidance on whether you have a perceived, potential or actual conflict as a result of applying for and using grant funding you should consider the following matters - if in doubt you should declare the conflict.

A conflict of interest could arise where you (the applicant) have a responsibility as a result of receiving council grant monies. This could affect another responsibility, duty or relationship you may also have.

For example

- If you are an Auckland Council employee/local board member or a councillor

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- If your organisations committee or board member is an Auckland Council employee/local board member.
- Personal or family relationships that you have
 - with council employees
 - with council contractors
 - organisations or persons that you will procure services from with the grant monies
- Financial relationships
 - e.g. investments that you have in entities that you will procure services from with the grant monies
- Employment relationships or membership of clubs
 - e.g. you intend to procure services with the grant monies from your employer or a club you are a member of - who will benefit financially from the arrangement.

If you have answered no to any of the above, please provide details below:

Privacy

- **I/We understand that Auckland Council is bound by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**
- **I/We understand that my/our name and brief details about the project may be released to the media or appear in publicity material**
- **I/We understand that I/we have the right to have access to this information**
- **I/We undertake that I/we have obtained the consent of all people involved to provide these details.**

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Accept

Decline