

Policy

Programme Funding Area 1.8

Rescue Services – Special Grants

Purpose

This policy provides a framework for assessing special applications against the Rescue Services Funding area. It provides a priority list for funding to be communicated to the sectors and then to assess applications against.

Policy Statement

The TSB Community Trust's Strategic Plan was adopted in April 2009. Below are the excerpts from the Strategic Plan that relate to this policy.

Strategic Goal One

Funding:

To help make our communities better places to live, the Trust will seek to balance support between social, economic, recreational, cultural and environmental requirements.

Strategic Overview:

The Trust will collaborate and be innovative in supporting community initiatives.

Strategic Objectives:

1. *PROGRAMME FUNDING AREAS*

1.9 *RESCUE SERVICES*

Strategic Statement:

"To provide strategic support at a local and regional level for rescue services in our region"

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy 'Rescue Services' are defined as:

- Search and rescue (e.g. Coastguard, Land SAR,) and emergency services (e.g. fire services, ambulance services) within the Taranaki region

Policy Guidelines

In all cases:

- The application must meet the TSB Community Trust's 'General Grant Criteria'
- The level of funding listed below is a maximum amount
- Grant amounts will be based on assessment factors including but not limited to; population, access to other funding, ability to fundraise, community access, community contribution, socio-economic factors
- The Trust in its absolute discretion may accord funds outside these Criteria
- To be considered all applications must be accompanied by all relevant information requested in the application form 'Checklist of Required Documentation'
- Building projects must comply with relevant government legislation, district and regional plans and have any required consents– all applications will need to provide evidence of this
- Projects which involve positive collaboration to enhance services via shared learning and resources are welcomed
- ALL APPLICATIONS MUST DEMONSTRATE HOW THE PROJECT BEING APPLIED FOR WILL; *PROVIDE STRATEGIC SUPPORT AT A REGIONAL LEVEL FOR RESCUE SERVICES IN OUR REGION*

CLOSING DATES:

(Under \$50,000) February 15th, May 15th, August 15th, November 15th

(Over \$50,000) – August 15th only

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Who Can Apply?

The following organisations/ individuals which meet the Trust's General Grant Criteria and *which have rescue services as their main aim*:

- **Regional organisations** – structured, established non-profit organisations providing support at regional level for rescue services in our region
- **Community organisations** – structured, established non-profit groups providing support at local level for rescue services in our region

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

What types of projects and programmes are eligible?

Please note: Levels of funding for all eligible applications will be decided by the Trust dependant on evidence of community need and impact, population, socio-economic factors and other assessment considerations as per the General Grant Criteria.

*Figures below are intended as guidelines for **maximum amounts only***

Funding will generally only be granted to organisations towards the provision of activities and programmes – not for on-granting directly to individuals

Funding level decisions are at the full discretion of the TSB Community Trust.

Applications will be considered for funding towards:

Facilities

Support towards the purchase and construction of new buildings, and upgrades to existing buildings

Up to \$30,000 per community organisation

Up to \$150,000 per regional organisation for regional projects

(all applications for funding towards facilities over \$50k will be assessed against an approved Regional Facility Development Matrix)

Search and Rescue Equipment

Support towards the purchase and replacement of search and rescue related equipment– e.g. technical navigational equipment, rescue equipment

Up to \$30,000 per community organisation

Up to \$150,000 per regional organisation for regional projects

Organisational Infrastructure

Support towards strengthening organisational capacity and infrastructure of search and rescue related organisations– e.g. administration systems, staff training and professional development

Up to \$30,000 per community organisation

Up to \$50,000 per regional organisation for regional projects

Public Programmes and Activities

Support towards public search and rescue programmes and activities– e.g. mountain safety seminars and workshops, and events

Up to \$20,000 per community organisation

Up to \$50,000 per regional organisation for regional projects

Combined Projects

Support towards a combination of activities/ projects listed above

Up to \$30,000 per community organisation

Up to \$150,000 per regional organisation for regional projects