

# TSB COMMUNITY TRUST

## **Communication on TSB CT and COVID-19**

Faced with unprecedented conditions, COVID-19 has affected every aspect of life both here and around the Globe. As we all deal with the rapidly evolving environment, we would like to share what the team at TSB Community Trust are doing to ensure our mahi can, and will, continue to support where it is needed most.

In response to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic we have made some changes to our granting for the next six months. The unprecedented situation is resulting in different immediate needs for communities and as such the Trust is focused on addressing the pandemic's impact on Taranaki and its people.

### **Does TSB Community Trust still have money to provide grants?**

Although the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) has ceased the ability for all Banks in New Zealand to make payment of dividends, the TSB Community Trust has a strong portfolio of assets so is financially sound and will continue granting. However, changes to our granting will ensure that the funds that we have for our communities go to where the greatest immediate need is. Trustee's, Management and staff are continuing to operate ensuring the Taranaki region gets the best support possible.

### **How is TSB Community Trust responding to COVID-19?**

The Trust's response will have a strong equity focus, we are here for our communities – we are here to listen, to respond and to act, especially where needs are greatest.

Our Purpose and Strategic framework focus is to support a thriving inclusive and equitable Taranaki through four key areas:

- Enhanced Child and Youth Wellbeing
- Tino Rangatiratanga | Empowering Māori Aspiration
- Improved Environment and
- Increased Access to Opportunities

By funding to this Strategy in these areas, we will see positive impacts happening where they are needed most - both through this current crisis and beyond.

TSB Community Trust has released an allocation of funds to ensure we can respond to organisations that are supporting people, whānau and communities impacted by COVID-19. We are proactively reaching out via our networks across the region to make sure that organisations working to respond to COVID-19 are supported to meet the immediate and emergent needs of our communities.

In addition, the Trust is also offering additional support to Not-for-profit organisations to ensure they also are supported and have access to guidance, advice and professional services so they can remain a viable resource for the community. If you are an organisation that would like to access this support please contact a Grants Advisor at the Trust office via email [info@tsbtrust.org.nz](mailto:info@tsbtrust.org.nz)

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## **What does this mean for Granting? What won't the Trust fund?**

We will continue to honour our existing multi-year funding obligations as well as any other existing commitments, we acknowledge that there may be a need for a discussion if the grant is for a purpose that is impacted by COVID -19. If this is the case, please contact a Grants Advisor at the Trust office via email [info@tsbtrust.org.nz](mailto:info@tsbtrust.org.nz)

Moving forward we will continue to accept applications and give priority to those that align with the Trust outcome areas and those most in need however, through until September 2020 we will not be considering new grants for the following unless they are in response to COVID-19:

- Capital Grants
- Individual Grants
- Touring Productions
- Programme and Event's that are in conflict with any COVID-19 Lockdown level guidelines i.e. ability to hold gatherings
- New Multi-year grants

This will be reassessed in September and may need to be extended longer.

## **What about my current TSB Community Trust grant? Or if I have a request or application under assessment?**

The Trusts focus over the coming months is supporting the Taranaki community through COVID-19 and our granting decisions will reflect this; we have prioritised grants to support our community during this unprecedented time.

We do wish to advise that priority has been be given to those applications and organisations that align with the Trust outcome areas and those most in need however, through until September 2020 we will not be considering grants for the following unless they are in response to COVID-19:

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If you have an application with the Trust that fits within the above, your application will not be considered at this time, your application will be returned, in its entirety, to you within the Fluxx system. When the Trust resumes its granting activity in the above categories you will be advised. We do apologise for the inconvenience and wish to thank you for your understanding at this time.

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## Support

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## We are here to help

- If you have any questions do not hesitate to get in touch with the Trust office via email [info@tsbtrust.org.nz](mailto:info@tsbtrust.org.nz)
- If your organisation has a current 'live' grant from the Trust and COVID-19 is affecting how you are using that grant, then please contact a Grants Advisor at the Trust office via email [info@tsbtrust.org.nz](mailto:info@tsbtrust.org.nz)

Ko te tūmanako, e noho haumarua ana koutou i roto i o koutou kainga, i roto hoki i te aroha.  
We wish that you stay safe and well in your respective whānau bubbles.