

Arts/Heritage Partnership Grants Information Pack



Introduction

Dear prospective Arts/Heritage Partnership Grants applicant,

Thank you for taking an interest in creating an arts or heritage experience or activation in Nelson/Whakatū.

Grants are intended to resource partnerships with individuals, community groups or organisations to develop projects that explore either heritage or arts experiences and share these with the community.

Council wishes to assist you to bring your vision to reality. Nelson City Council will offer financial support to create an “experience or activation” for local people or visitors to take part in, or benefit from. You could run an event linked to a special heritage anniversary, run a community art project, create a mural or light art projection, music, or drama. The possibilities are almost endless.

Arts/Heritage Partnership Grants are available at any time, for delivery in the Council’s current financial year (July to June). To meet your planning timeframes, your application will be assessed on “rolling” assessment process. No need to wait for long, or miss submission deadlines. We endeavour to get back to you within ten working days.

We are really looking forward to a wealth of ideas from the community to partner our resources with. Whakatū/Nelson has such a rich history and vibrant arts community, so your projects are warmly received.

Please use this information pack as a guide to make your application.

If you want to talk directly to someone about your idea before you make your application, please contact me at the details below. I would be keen to hear from you, no matter how small or developed your idea may be.

To make an application, fill in an online application on the Nelson City Council website.

Regards,

Tom Ransom

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Arts/Heritage Partnership Grant

Criteria/Advice

Purpose

Nelson City Council wants to partner with individuals, community groups and organisations to deliver creative arts and heritage projects in Whakatū /Nelson. The grants aim to maximise the potential of fresh ideas from our community, allowing a greater diversity of voices, ideas, and experiences to be represented and experienced by us all.

Examples of Arts/Heritage Partnership Grant Projects that Could be Supported

The following ideas are the type of project we are interested in supporting:

- Commemorations/celebrations of anniversary dates relating to significant moments in the history of Whakatū/Nelson or the traditional culture of its residents.
- Sharing Māori cultural experiences with the community.
- Creating an artistic performance or heritage experience event to be enjoyed by the community.
- Create public artworks to be enjoyed by the community on a permanent or temporary basis.
- Generate interest in and share heritage stories from and with the Whakatū/Nelson community.

Funding Available

- The amount of funding awarded to each project will generally be between \$500 and \$4000. Larger sums may be considered, where projects can demonstrate significant participant involvement or be otherwise be particularly influential/noteworthy in their impact.
- Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate some resourcing from other sources. Applications that offer at least 50% match funding (including use of free volunteer time valued at \$20 an hour) will be favourably considered.

What Is Not Funded

- Activities held outside the Nelson City Council administration area.
- Activities organised by, or in support of, political parties.
- Purchase of privately owned assets or facilities (other than public-facing murals).
- Activities that are already completed. No retrospective funding.
- Public services that are the responsibility of central government (e.g., core education, primary health care).
- Private or "invite only" events.
- Events or activities that have already received funding from Nelson City Council or the Nelson Regional Development Agency for the delivery of the same aspects of the project.

Application Assessment Criteria

A panel of Nelson City Council staff will assess all applications. The panel will use the following considerations to decide levels of support:

1. A preference will be given to applications that demonstrate the potential for significant and creative impact or value to the local community at a reasonable cost.
2. A preference will be given to applications that show an element of working in partnership. This may include working with other not-for-profit organizations, funders, or sponsors. Applications that offer at least 50% match funding (that can include the value of volunteer time) are preferred.
3. If an application has a Māori theme, the application must show a high degree of cultural competency. Have iwi been involved in the application? Is the activity based on use of Mātauranga Māori, Te Reo Māori or Toi Māori? Does the application clearly state how Māori have been or will be involved in the projects design and delivery?
4. A preference will be given to applications that have a low, ideally free, participation cost to the public. Organisers can however charge attendance fees for events, but it must be demonstrated that the grant fund has subsidised these charges to make the project more widely accessible.
5. A preference will be given to applications that demonstrate the potential for high quality delivery. Can the applicant show evidence of past achievements or success?
6. A preference will be given to applications that show links other Council policies/strategies other than Arts/Heritage.

Expectations of Grant Recipients

Those receiving grants will be expected to be required to meet the following expectations:

1. An online form must be submitted on the Nelson City Council website.
2. Funded partners must sign a Community Grant Agreement with Council (or its agents), (contact Tom Ransom to see an example of a grant agreement)
3. Activities should be delivered by the applicant within the agreed timeframe.
4. Applicants agree to be responsible for carrying out health and safety risk assessments including COVID 19 controls and shall provide a copy of their assessments to Council.
5. Applicants agree to credit Nelson City Council in any marketing or promotion of the activity. The applicant shall receive, and use agreed Nelson City Council logos in agreed ways.
6. Applicants agree to provide a report to Council of activity after it has been delivered. This shall include photographs/film, numbers, and details of spending.
7. Applicants agree to comply with any other relevant Council Policy e.g., its Waste Minimisations Policy.