

# Funding your charity in a Post-COVID world

## Questions and answers from the webinar



These questions were asked by participants during the live webinar on Thursday 25 June 2020. We have edited some for clarity and answered them below. If a question you asked on the day has not been covered please don't hesitate to **contact us**. Some of this information may change as COVID Alert Levels and other circumstances change.

## Q&A: Funding your charity in a Post-COVID world

**Q1: Is there a limit to how many Lottery Community Grants we can apply for?**

There is no limit on how many times you can apply. The Lottery Community Committee has two funding rounds per year. You can submit more than one request in each round and you can also apply for both rounds consecutively. However, requests made to consecutive rounds will be considered a low priority unless there are exceptional circumstances. Contact a **Hāpai Hapori Community Operations Advisor** for more information.

**Q2: We received a Lottery Community Grant last year and our reporting is due mid-September 2020. Can we apply for a new grant before filing for last year?**

Yes you can. Remember you will need to report on the previous year's grant as soon as the money has been spent or by the date the report is due - whichever is the earliest.

**Q3: Can we get assistance with how to write and apply for grants? Many smaller charities cannot afford to pay for grant writers.**

We encourage you to contact a Hāpai Hapori Community Advisor at your nearest **Hāpai Hapori office** to guide you to resources that can help with writing funding requests.





**Q4: We are a charity based in Auckland with no national offices, but our students are from around New Zealand and they study at a variety of tertiary organisations. We want to apply for a Lottery Community Grant but we need help determining if we are a national or regional charity. Where do we get started?**

Organisations need to apply to the Lottery Community **National** Committee if:

- they are a national organisation; or
- the grant request is for a project or service with nationwide benefit or the grant request benefits two or more regions.

Organisations need to apply to the Lottery Community **Regional** Committee if:

- they are an independent branch of a national organisation (i.e. each branch is a separate legal entity); or
- the grant request is for a project or service where the majority of the benefit is for region that the request was made for.

Please take a look at this **Community Matters webpage** which has guidance on the regional and national committees.

**Q5: Funders often don't pay wages or pay a small part. How can we work these costs into our funding applications as wages are often one of the highest costs of service delivery?**

On-going wages are considered part of an organisation's annual operational costs and can be included in your budget when applying for a Lottery Community Grant and Community Organisation Grants Scheme funding.

Please take a look the Community Matters website which has guidance on applying and reporting for **Lottery Community Grants** and the **Community Organisation Grants Scheme**.

**Q6: Are there funders who make funding for services to older people a priority? It appears that older people aren't typically the highest priority for a lot of funding initiatives.**

The Government has a number of funding initiatives focussed on older people. The funding that the Department administers looks at the end result that groups are trying to achieve. There are many groups with older people as their focus which are funded. To find out more information please contact your local **Hāpai Hapori Community Advisor**.