



## Ngāti Rongomai Iwi Trust

### Grant Applications Policy

Individuals or whānau who whakapapa to Ngāti Rongomai Iwi are eligible to apply for funding assistance from Ngāti Rongomai Iwi Trust in the form of a grant.

Applicants must demonstrate that their application is consistent with the strategic vision of the Ngāti Rongomai Iwi Trust (NRIT).

Note: For a copy of NRIT strategic vision and Policies go to <https://rongomai.iwi.nz/>

There are 2 main categories for grants:

1. Education / Cultural/ Sporting Grants
2. Discretionary Grants

#### 1. Education / Cultural/ Sporting Grants

- a) An **Educational Grant** has a goal of supporting a whānau member in any activity that enhances the mātauranga and academic prosperity of the individual and the wellbeing of Ngāti Rongomai Iwi. This includes a course of study at a New Zealand Secondary School or full-time/part-time at a New Zealand Wānanga/Tertiary Institution or in Vocational Training/ apprenticeship
- b) A **Cultural Grant** is intended to support study or activity of a whānau member that enhances the cultural, spiritual, or physical wellbeing of Ngāti Rongomai Iwi and their whānau. This may include but is not limited to Te Reo Māori, Kapa Haka, Karanga/Karakia/ Whaikōrero, Raranga or Whakairo (weaving or carving), Pūrongo (Māori musical instruments), Mau rākau, Rongoā
- c) A **Sporting Grant** has the intention of supporting a whānau member with any physical or sporting activity at a representative level that enhances the social, spiritual, or physical prosperity and wellbeing of Ngāti Rongomai people. An applicant must be either an individual (or individual in a team) who is participating or competing in a competition or event at a representative level (not an official or supporter).

#### 2. Discretionary Grants

A **Discretionary Grant** may be considered to support whānau in an activity that is consistent with the strategic vision of the Ngāti Rongomai Iwi Trust (NRIT) but falls outside the other grant categories.

Discretionary grants may be allocated for projects or programmes that are not necessarily essential or mandatory but are rather optional or desirable. Grants may be considered for initiatives that are innovative, experimental (including research), or supplementary in nature.

The following is provided as a guide or possible example of a Discretionary purpose:

- Kaupapa or activities that support Kōeke
- Projects within the rohe of Ngāti Rongomai or Ngāti Pikiao that contribute to collective wealth and wellbeing
- Kaupapa of Local and National importance that impact Ngāti Rongomai beneficiaries and affiliated hapū, iwi or communities
- Support for significant overseas events that enhance the profile or success of Ngāti Rongomai nationally or internationally
- Engaging in a research project that may have some significance or impact for Ngāti Rongomai beneficiaries and affiliated hapū, iwi or communities
- Presentation or Speaking engagements at a national, overseas or Indigenous conference about Māori development with relevance to Ngāti Rongomai beneficiaries and affiliated hapū, iwi or communities
- Attending a professional development program overseas that may have some significance or impact for Ngāti Rongomai beneficiaries and affiliated hapū, iwi or communities

#### **Criteria**

1. Applicants must be resident in Aotearoa New Zealand
2. To be eligible for a grant you must be able to validate your connection to one of our Ngāti Rongomai Marae and be a registered Ngāti Rongomai Iwi member
3. A breakdown of the full estimated costs must be shown in the grant application
4. The amount of the grant shall be a 'contribution' toward the cost and not represent the total cost to the individual
5. Where an application has been made for the same kaupapa to another funding organisation this must be stated in the grant application along with the requested amount
6. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate their involvement with iwi/marae, and their commitment to iwi development
7. Preference will also be shown to applicants who have an outstanding record of achievement, leadership, or successes to date
8. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate how the grant will contribute to improving long-term prosperity and wellbeing of Ngāti Rongomai and its people
9. An application form must be fully completed, signed, and submitted with required documentation (including identification) for the grant to be considered.
10. Applicants are required to provide an accountability report six weeks after the completion of their projects or as agreed in writing, and to attend NRIT AGM to present a report on their project
11. If you have applied to the Ngāti Rongomai Iwi Fund previously, please ensure all accountability reports have been completed and submitted.

**Important information:**

1. Funding can only be used for the purpose outlined in the application
2. Funding will not be provided for projects or study that are retrospective (i.e. where a project or study has already commenced or is virtually completed before the funding round closes)
3. The maximum grant amount available in any financial year period will be decided by Ngāti Rongomai Iwi Trust Board in relation to available funding in any one year
4. Only one grant is available per individual in any financial year period
5. Once NRIT grant funding has been exhausted in any one year no more applications will be considered in that financial year
6. A valid email address and contact phone number must be provided
7. Include a Bank Deposit slip or statement verifying your online account number
8. Any unused funds must be returned to Ngāti Rongomai Iwi Trust
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Applications must be received by 5pm on the last day of the month prior for consideration at the following NRIT meeting:

March:                      June;                      September

**Submit** applications as follows:

**Email**

[info@rongomai.iwi.nz](mailto:info@rongomai.iwi.nz)

**Post**

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