

TAUHARA GEOTHERMAL CHARITABLE TRUST

FUNDING POLICY

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**THE SECRETARY
TAUHARA GEOTHERMAL
CHARITABLE TRUST**
C/o PO Box 19, TURANGI



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1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust was formed in 2012 with the creation and signing of the Trust Deed by five Trustees elected by a hui of Nga Hapu o Tauhara and two Trustees appointed by Contact Energy.

The Trust was established as a requirement of the resource consents for Contact's Tauhara 2 Geothermal Power Station.

The primary purpose of the Trust is:

"To provide grants for the advancement of education of Nga Hapu O Tauhara. This includes advancement of education in the area of natural resource management, science and engineering; and,

To provide other community grants that are charitable for the benefit of Nga Hapu o Tauhara to maintain their relationship with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga and to maintain their ancestral connection to their waahi tapu and other taonga affected by the activities contained in the Consents."

The Trusts also as an ancillary purpose:

"The ancillary purpose of the Trust is to foster a long term enduring relationship between Nga Hapu O Tauhara and Contact."

Chairmanship:

The Chairman shall come from one of the five hapu appointed trustee's.

A copy of the Trust Deed and further information on the Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust including information on current Trustees can be found on the Trust website: www.tauhara.co.nz

2.0 WHAT GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE?

On an annual basis, the Trust receives \$150,000 plus \$7,000 specifically for educational scholarships. Over time, this amount is adjusted to account for inflation and increases in course fees.

This amount will continue to be provided to the Trust for the duration of resource consents for the Tauhara 2 Geothermal Power Station (i.e. for 35 years from 1 July, 2011, ending in July, 2046).

3.0 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

To assist applicants and beneficiaries of the Trust, the Trustees will seek to distribute annual funding into three broad categories in accordance with Table 1:

Table 1: Total Funding Allocation

Category	Annual Allocation
Education / Training	\$87,000
Wananga	\$30,000
Projects	\$20,000
Nga Hapu O Tauhara Community Educational Initiatives	\$20,000
Total	\$157,000

This is an indicative allocation and Trustees may use their discretion as appropriate. The intent of providing this allocation is to signal to intent of the Trust to focus funding in particular areas.

4.0

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Trust provides education training grants and scholarships to encourage and up skill Nga Hapu members in tertiary education with special emphasis on (but not limited to) the areas of natural resource management, science and engineering.

4.1 Funding Requirements

Each applicant must demonstrate that they whakapapa to a Tauhara land block or by showing their Whakapapa for four generations within Nga Hapu O Tauhara.

All applications must be made in writing through the correct application form (see the Trust website or talk to the Trust Secretary) and all required information must be provided. The application must be returned on time and any applications received after the closing date will not be accepted for that funding round.

The scholarships are for tertiary study at a New Zealand University, New Zealand Polytechnic, or other recognised New Zealand tertiary institution.

4.2 Funding Allocation

The Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust will allocate up to \$106,000 (GST included) per year to education and training scholarships and grants.

Table 2 shows the types of education and training grants that may be applied for and the amount of funding available for each. For each grant type, priority will be given to applications for the course types indicated.

Table 2: Education Funding Types

Grant Type	Course type (priority funding)	Term	Institution	Maximum Amount per annum
Training Grant	Trades training	Up to 1 year	Any NZQA registered training organisation	\$1,000.00
Education Grant	Open	Up to 1 year	Wananga, Polytech or University	\$1,000.00
Scholarship - Undergrad	Geology, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Environmental or Medicine	Multi-year	Polytech or University	\$2,000.00
Scholarship - Post-grad	Geology, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Environmental or Medicine	Multi-year	Polytech or University	\$3,500.00

The Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust supports the development of suitable wananga for Nga Hapu.

Approved wananga will assist the hapu to maintain their ancestral and spiritual connections through marae based learning around cultural knowledge and history of Tuwharetoa tangata whenua, mana and mauri.

5.1 Funding Requirements

The Trust will support and fund wananga that will provide benefit for Nga Hapu o Tauhara. For the avoidance of doubt, an application for funding may demonstrate this by providing minutes from Marae Committee meetings and/or written support from Kaumatua.

Each wananga approved for funding shall report back in writing to the Trust within 4 weeks after the wananga has been held, providing details on the outcomes and an attendance register.

All applications must be made in writing through the correct application form (see the Trust website or talk to the Trust Secretary) and all required information must be provided. The application must be returned on time and any applications received after the closing date will not be accepted for that funding round.

All Wananga must be inclusive and sensitive and respectful to other whanau/hapu of the rohe and also to Contact Energy.

5.2 Funding Allocation

The Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust will allocate up to \$3,000 (GST included) per accepted wananga conducted by the hapu/marae, with up to \$30,000 allocated per year. This is summarised in Table 3.

Table 3: Wananga Funding

Funding available for Wananga	
Maximum funding per wananga	\$3,000
Maximum funding available each year	\$30,000

5.3 Multiple Wananga

The Trust may conditionally approve funding for more than one wananga (series of wananga) on application; however funds will only be released in advance of the first wananga once approved by the Trust. Funding for each additional wananga will only be approved following receipt of an acceptable report with a signed registration of participants, a detailed programme and the report of actual costs.

The Trust may turn down further funding during the wananga series should attendance decline or the programme not meet the intent of the Trust deed.

6.0

PROJECTS

The Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust supports the development of suitable projects that will assist the hapu to maintain their ancestral and spiritual connections to the rohe.

6.1 Funding Requirements

The Trust will support and fund projects that broadly support the purpose of the Trust. Example projects may include (but are not limited to) ecological restoration or cultural restoration and protection.

The project must be located within the rohe of Nga Hapu O Tauhara.

All applications must be made in writing through the correct application form (see the Trust website or talk to the Trust Secretary) and all required information must be provided. The application must be returned on time and any applications received after the closing date will not be accepted for that funding round.

6.2 Funding Allocation

The Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust will allocate up to \$20,000 (GST included) per year to suitable projects.

6.3 Nga Hapu o Tauhara Community Educational Initiatives

A discretionary grant for Educational and Cultural Programmes and events for Special Needs Rangatahi of Nga Hapu o Tauhara. The trust will allocate up to \$20,000 (GST included) per year to suitable programmes. Application is to be made in writing to the trust in either the Summer or Winter Funding rounds.

7.0

HOW DO I APPLY FOR FUNDING?

You can apply in writing by completing the appropriate form:

Table 4: Applications Forms

Funding Type	Form Required
Education and Training	Application for Funding: Educational Scholarships and Grants
Wananga	Application for Funding: Wananga
Project	Application for Funding: Projects

Application forms are also available from:

**THE SECRETARY
TAUHARA GEOTHERMAL CHARITABLE
TRUST C/o PO Box 19, TURANGI**

Or can be requested by email info@tdltd.co.nz



8.0

HOW ARE FUNDING DECISIONS MADE?

Each year, two funding rounds will be advertised and applications for funding accepted.

The Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust meets three times a year (two funding round meetings and the AGM). At its funding round meetings the Trust assesses applications against the funding policy and makes a decision on each application.

There is no guarantee that you or your organisation will be successful in receiving funding when you apply.

If you are unsuccessful, you may approach the Trust Secretary to seek advice on how you may be able to amend or develop your application to improve its chances of success in future funding rounds. There is no ability to appeal a funding decision and correspondence on funding decisions will not be entered into by the Trustees.

9.0

WHO ADMINISTERS THE FUNDING?

The Secretary of the Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust is responsible for administering the funding processes. You should contact the Secretary for inquiries regarding this Funding Policy.

The Secretary administers payments to successful applicants and receives all reports on the results of the approved funding allocations.

10.0

WHAT IS THE TIMING FOR FUNDING ROUNDS?

Table 5 provides an indicative timetable for the Funding Rounds each year. An updated timetable will be available on the Trust website or through the Trust Secretary. The timing of funding rounds is designed to assist students entering educational programmes.

Table 5: Funding Timetable

Timing	Process
June	Applications for Winter Funding Round opens. Applications accepted for: Wananga Projects
July	Trust receives annual funding from Contact Energy
July (end)	Applications for Winter Funding Round close
August	Trust meeting to consider applications
September	Successful applicants notified and funded
November	AGM & report back hui
December	Applications for Summer Funding Round opens. Applications accepted for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education and Training• Wananga• Projects
February (end)	Applications for Summer Funding Round closes.
March	Trust meeting to consider applications
April	Successful applicants notified and funded

11.0 WHAT CONDITIONS APPLY?

The following conditions apply to all funding approved by the Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust:

1. Funds must only be used for charitable purposes;
2. Only one application per person or organisation per funding round will be considered;
3. Applications must be received by the closing date;
4. Applicants must be over 18 years of age (only applicable to project and wananga funding applications, not education and training grants and scholarships);
5. Successful applicants must sign a funding agreement;
6. A short report on the results you achieved with the funds and how the funds were used is required at the end of the project or wananga;
7. The Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust will not cover the GST content of any project;
8. The Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust may publish details of your application if successful in the Trust's accountability documents and promotional information;
9. The Tauhara Geothermal Charitable Trust will retain your application on file for audit purposes. You should keep a copy of your application.
10. All funding must be uplifted within 12 months of being approved. Any funding not uplifted within the timeframe will be put back into the trusts pool of general funds.

12.0 WHAT CAN THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

Funds can only be used for the purpose for which they are granted and no other purpose. You must outline how the funds will be used in your application.

13.0 WHAT CAN'T THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

To assist applicants and beneficiaries of the Trust, any applications for funding the following activities will not be approved:

1. **Funding for operational expenses that are not charitable.**
Explanation: Funds cannot be used for everyday running costs of organisations, which are not related to the charitable purpose of the grant (eg: power and rent).
2. **Funding for pre-approved costs.**
Explanation: Funds cannot be used for costs, which have already been approved by another funding organisation.
3. **Funding for capital works for marae.**
Explanation: This is done by the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board and our other Maori authorities.
4. **Funding for projects based overseas, or any spending of funds overseas.**
Explanation: New Zealand income tax rules and charitable status rules prevent the use of Trust funds overseas.