

Questions and Answers

Webinar 3: Thursday 15 October 11am–12pm

Cultural related questions

Q1: Could you elaborate a bit more on Koha within scope?

A1: Yes. The Fund recognises the use of koha or fa'asoa where this is appropriate to cultural protocols and directly related to delivery of the initiative.

If your proposal includes koha or fa'asoa, please clearly identify this in your budget and briefly explain what it is for and how it supports delivery of the initiative.

Joint applications

Q2: The info pack says we can collaborate with others. Does this mean we can be involved in two applications?

A2: Yes. An organisation can be involved in more than one application, provided they relate to genuinely separate initiatives.

The Fund accepts one application per initiative. Each application will be assessed separately against the published criteria.

Q3: Are we able to collaborate with other Social Services?

A3: Yes. Collaboration with other social services, community organisations or providers is welcome where it supports the proposed initiative.

Your application should clearly explain who is involved, the role each organisation will play, and how the collaboration will support delivery of the initiative and its intended outcomes.

Types of initiatives

Q4: Is there any particular type of application you are looking for?

A4: We are seeking a range of locally led and culturally responsive initiatives that clearly meet the Fund criteria and contribute to one or more of its strategic outcome areas.

We encourage applicants to focus on what will work for their community and clearly explain the need, intended audience, proposed activity and expected impact.

Evaluation Assessment

Q5: Do the evaluation panel members have knowledge of methodologies and cultural safety?

A5: Yes. The evaluation panel has been selected to bring a range of relevant perspectives and expertise.

It includes public health professionals with Māori, Pacific and Asian perspectives and experience, a public health registrar, and two members with lived experience of gambling harm.

Applications will be assessed against the published criteria, including cultural responsiveness and the methodology, framework or evidence underpinning the proposed initiative.

Q6: What geographical areas are likely to be supported?

A6: Applications will be assessed through the published evaluation process against the Fund criteria. Applicants should clearly demonstrate the community need their initiative responds to, the priority population or populations they intend to support, and the expected reach and impact of the initiative.

Relevant local evidence can help provide context for your proposal. This may include community knowledge and lived experience, local data, or publicly available information such as Department of Internal Affairs gambling statistics: [gambling statistics gmp dashboard - dia.govt.nz](https://dia.govt.nz/gambling-statistics-gmp-dashboard)

Q7: You shared an image of a logic model in the presentation. Is there a way we can get a copy of that?

A7: The logic model shown in the presentation is the intervention logic for the wider Minimising Gambling Harm programme, of which the Community Action Fund is one part.

The Community Action Fund's strategic outcome areas have been informed by that wider programme logic. Applicants do not need to use or respond directly to the full programme logic model – the published Fund criteria in the Information Pack are what your application will be assessed against.

Organisation criteria

Q8: Can a community group that isn't registered or a legal entity apply?

A8: The application should clearly identify the fund-holder and explain the relationship between the organisations and how they will work together to deliver the initiative.

If you are unsure whether your proposed arrangement meets the eligibility requirements, please contact info@safergambling.org.nz before applying.

Budget questions

Q9: Are the application budgets up for negotiation or is it a straight yes or no? For example, if an application is for \$10k, will the evaluation panel come back with a lower number for delivery or just say no?

A9: Applicants should submit a budget that reflects the amount they believe is required to deliver the proposed initiative.

The evaluation panel will assess the budget alongside the proposal, including whether it demonstrates good use of public funds and is reasonable for what is being delivered.

The panel will assess the funding amount submitted and will not negotiate a reduced budget with applicants during the evaluation process. Applicants should therefore make sure their budget is realistic, clearly explained and includes the costs needed to successfully deliver the initiative.

The final number of successful initiatives and funding amounts awarded will depend on the applications received, their alignment with the Fund criteria and the funding available.