



## Funding and fundraising ideas

Click on the titles below to learn more about funding options. Also don't forget to check in with your local Council to see what grants and funds are available for community groups.

### **Funding Information Service**

A good starting place to identify where your school might be able to get funding. There are three funding databases: FundView, BreakOut and CorporateCitizens.

**CommunityNet Aotearoa how to funding guide** has resources for setting up and running community organisations and projects that you may find useful.

### **NZ Glass Environmental Fund**

O-I NZ is the sponsor of the NZ Glass Environmental Fund, which makes \$25,000 available to schools annually. The fund was established to encourage studies which give young people an understanding of the importance and fragility of the environment.

**The Royal Society of New Zealand** provides student award schemes and teacher fellowships that support the science and technology curriculum.

**Transpower Neighbourhood Engineers Award** is supported by IPENZ (Institute of Professional Engineers) and links engineers with schools to tackle projects that relate to the technology curriculum. Your school can use the NEA website to

request help in finding an engineer to assist students with a project.

**DonateNZ** is a quick, easy-to-use website through which individuals, organisations and businesses can donate things they no longer want or need to schools, early childhood centres and not-for-profits that do. It is a great place for schools to get things they need for next-to-no-cost.

### **Environmental Education Action Fund**

Through the Environmental Education Action Fund, WWF New Zealand and The Tindall Foundation are supporting schools and community projects around the country that use education as a tool to encourage people to take action for their environment.

The **Kids restore New Zealand** project, is an initiative of the Air New Zealand Environmental Trust. It provides funding for schools to work with their community, identify a real environmental need and take action.

**The Sir Peter Blake Trust** aims to help New Zealanders make a positive difference for the planet through activities that encourage environmental awareness and action, and leadership development. The Trust wants to carry on Sir Peter's work and keep his spirit and values alive for future generations.

**Unisys Kidz Connect** is designed to support connectivity and innovation amongst primary



and intermediate children. Under the programme, twenty teachers will each receive a \$1,000 cash grant to spend on a programme or project of their choice for the benefit of children in their class. The programme is open to all registered teachers working in New Zealand's state, integrated and private primary and intermediate schools (Year 1-8), of any decile and location.

The **JS Watson Trust** is administered by Forest and Bird. Applications are invited from individuals or conservation groups for financial assistance for conservation projects that include: the conservation of plants and animals and natural features of New Zealand; the advancement of knowledge in these matters through research, literary contribution, essay or articles; general education of the public to give them a love and understanding of the world in which they live.

**BOC Where There's Water** grants provide funding to schools and community groups to assist with projects that protect, enhance and manage existing natural waterways in their local area. The grants programme is funded by BOC and administered by Water New Zealand.

The **Mazda Foundation Grant** aims to provide financial aid towards: the maintenance and improvement of the natural environment; assistance in the advancement of culture and education to achieve excellence; assistance to young people through advancement of education and employment skills development, with particular emphasis on children from deprived backgrounds; assistance in the arts where the goal is to educate and expose the NZ public on NZ culture.

The **Community Environment Fund** is designed to help you make a positive difference to the environment. It funds projects that support partnership between parties and increase community-based advice, educational opportunities and public awareness on environmental issues.

The **Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS)** is a community-driven fund that provides grants to non-profit community organisations that deliver community-based social services.

**The Lion Foundation** funds are available for charitable, philanthropic or cultural purpose that benefits the local community.

**Lottery Grants** are available for different types of projects and services.

The **Lottery World War One Commemorations, Environment and Heritage Committee** makes grants to not-for-profit organisations to foster the conservation, preservation and promotion of New Zealand's natural, physical and cultural heritage.

**Project Crimson** works with organisations, communities and individuals and assists with funding and trees for local projects.

The **Ron D and EA Greenwood Environmental Trust** assists preservation and protection of the natural environment of New Zealand.

**The Tindall Foundation** contributes to organisations and community groups supporting them in their work to build a strong and prosperous New Zealand.





The **Bayer Primary School Science Fund** is sponsored by Bayer and administered by the Royal Society of NZ. This fund is to give primary schools the opportunity to apply for funding to support and enhance an existing, or kick-start a new, environmental science education and 'Nature of Science' teaching and learning programme.

The **Fonterra Grassroots Fund** aims to sustain healthy, vibrant communities by sponsoring ideas, projects and initiatives that make a real impact. Funding has provided worm farms and recycling facilities for local schools, seedlings for riparian planting programmes, and equipment for emergency response services. The fund opens doors for a wide range of community projects with grants of between \$500 and \$5000.

The **Harcourts Foundation** funds projects and initiatives designed to benefit as many people as possible. They aim to provide support that helps, grows and enriches their communities.

**BlueSky Community Trust** supports grants for education, community cultural and arts festivals, public amenities, sports facilities, amateur sport and other charitable and non-commercial purposes that are beneficial to the community.

The **Grassroots Trust** provides funding across the sport, education, and community sectors. Their aim is to provide local funding to local communities.

## Sustainable school/centre fundraising ideas

A big thanks to Otago Enviroschools for sharing their sustainable fundraising ideas from which a lot of the following has come from. Think outside the box for fundraising; it needn't be just chocolates or raffles. The below are some ideas, but the list is certainly not exhaustive. If you have an idea and are keen to share then we would love to hear from you. You can also check out the Heart Foundation's **healthy fundraising ideas sheet** too – even more ideas!

Items you can make/grow and sell:

- Spring bulbs
- Recipe books (families are invited to submit their favourite recipe(s))
- Calendars (from children's artwork)
- Cards (from children's artwork)
- Worm wees and poos (from the school/centre worm farm)
- Vegetable and flower seeds (collected from the school/centre garden)
- Soap
- Sandwich wraps (make you own from fabric and bees wax)
- Regular healthy in-school/centre fundraisers:
- Hamburgers (wholemeal bun, salad (bonus if from school/centre garden), falafel/meat pattie etc.)
- Baked potato (microwave first, foil and chuck on BBQ with toppings available such as grated cheese, salsa, sour cream, coleslaw etc)
- In season corn on the cob (bonus if from school/centre garden)
- Freshly popped popcorn



Items you can purchase from NZ businesses for fundraising:

- Honeywrap <http://www.honeywrap.co.nz/> and <http://www.honeywrap.co.nz/pages/fundraising/> (they do more than just sandwich wraps, they also do keep cups, reusable shopping bags, and seeds for bees)
- MunchNZ <http://munchnz.co.nz/> and <http://munchnz.co.nz/fundraising/> (they do a wide range of sustainable products from food wraps and packaging, to lunch boxes and jewellery)
- Sustainable pencils <http://www.scentcofundraising.co.nz/>
- EcoStore soap <http://www.ecostore.co.nz/pages/fundraising-landing-page/>

Events as fundraisers:

- Bike-a-thons and fun runs
- Bingo nights and quiz nights
- A clothing swap evening
- A fun cheap event. Gold coin donation entry. The idea is that parents/students bring along no longer wanted clothes. A room is set up with clothes in sizes. Parents can donate towards the clothes if they choose (which goes to the school/centre). Even better if you make an evening of it with people bringing plates of nibbles to share and drinks.
- Local art/craft market evening.
- An event that also supports the local community/business. Gold coin donation entry. Stall holders set up inside the school/centre. Stall holders pay \$10 a stall. Stall holders can also donate an item for part of a raffle prize.