

# Community Funding Support for Road Safety

## Great News!

**Are you involved in road safety schemes in your local area?**

**We have funding available for community groups in the Horizons Region to run road safety education activities.**

## Why do we do this?

Road crashes cause avoidable deaths and serious injuries in our Region with the annual costs of these crashes running into the hundreds of millions.

The key issues causing crashes include intersection driver behaviour, drink driving, speed and driving while fatigued or distracted. Young drivers and drivers who are not fully licensed are over represented in crash statistics, and pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users are also involved in crashes too often. The low use of seat belts and child restraints is a concern in some areas.

In addition to employing road safety coordinators to undertake road safety education, we recognise that in many cases community groups can make a difference in road safety because of their knowledge of and connections to their communities. For example, driver licensing programmes are funded where community organisations help people with literacy or language problems to gain their driver's licence.

## What type of activities may be funded?

The fund is aimed at addressing road safety issues in our local community. Examples of programmes to be funded include driver education and licensing, restraint checking clinics and cyclist education.

Your proposed activity must be consistent with the New Zealand Road Safety Strategy, *Safer Journeys* - <http://www.saferjourneys.govt.nz/>

Areas of high concern in *Safer Journeys* are:

- Improving the safety of young drivers
- Reducing impaired driving.
- Ensure roads and roadsides support safer travel
- Make motorcycling safer
- Enable smart & safe choices on the road
- Encourage safe vehicles

Funding cannot be used for road engineering, including signage and markings, acquiring vehicles, or acquiring large capital items such as computers or office furniture.

This funding is contestable and applications will be evaluated to determine how well they will address the identified road safety issues.

## Further information

For further information on road safety issues, please visit New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA) Safer Journeys - <http://www.saferjourneys.govt.nz/>

## Applying for the community fund

### The process

All applications must be on the official application form (available from your local road safety coordinator) but additional information may be attached.

Our road safety coordinators are happy to help you prepare your application. Please contact the road safety coordinator in your area (see below) to discuss the details of your project before proceeding with your application.

### Key dates

Applications close on Friday **9 March 2018 at 5 pm.**

Please send completed applications to Phillip Hindrup, Transport Manager, Horizons Regional Council, Private Bag 11025, Manawatu Mail Centre, Palmerston North 4442.

Final confirmation of funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency will be after **1 June 2018**

### Your contribution

You will need to contribute 36% of the cost of your project from your community organisation or from other funding.

**Please note:** "In kind" donations cannot be accepted as part of your organisation's contribution. An in kind contribution is a non-cash cost which is given a cash value. An example of this is a school loaning classroom space to run a programme and attributing a value to this.

## Road safety coordinator details

For further information and assistance with your application, contact your local road safety coordinator.

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