



Questions/Answers from Community Buildings Information Webinar, Monday May 2022

1. **Is that \$8m per FY or per intake?:** Foundation North has allocated approximately \$8m for this round. Decisions will be made in March 2023. The next decision date is March 2025.
 2. **Kia ora do you work with anyone from DIA and other stakeholders on this particular grant?:** The link to the DIA Lottery Community Facilities Grant <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/>
 3. **Does an organisation still in the governance set up process need to be an Incorporated Society to register in the Funding Hub?:** Take the eligibility quiz on the Foundation North website to check whether you are eligible. <https://www.foundationnorth.org.nz/apply-for-funding>, if you do not meet the eligibility criteria and your project has demonstrable charitable intent and social outcomes, please contact us to discuss your project:
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1. **What do you mean by social procurement please?:** Social Procurement is when organisations use their buying power to generate social value above and beyond the value of the goods, services, or construction being procured. The principle is to maximise the social and environmental benefit from procurement spending that would take place anyway, without compromising on the quality of supply.
 2. **Is the fund available to pre-development costs such as resource and building consenting, detailed design, etc. :** Foundation North doesn't fund Feasibility studies, needs analysis, project plan development, building consents, resource consents, Quantity Surveyor or architectural drawings. See our [Exclusions and Limitations](#)
- Important:** Before submitting an EOI to Foundation North, your organisation should have completed a Feasibility Study with a business case for the project.
- DIA can work with Foundation North to help with preliminary and other costs have a look at the Lottery Community Facilities <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/>
3. **Can you give an example of social procurement please?**
 - a. Māori and Pacific owned businesses
 The intent is to rectify the disparity in the value of spending with Māori and Pacific-led businesses, thereby reducing employment and income disparities.
 - b. Social enterprises
 Social enterprises have embedded social benefit such as inclusion of people with disabilities in the workforce, training opportunities for people with barriers to employment, local jobs with a living wage, and restoration of the environment and reduction of waste.
 - c. Suppliers that provide inclusive opportunities
 Suppliers may not meet either of the specifications above but could have inclusive business practices that have social benefit such as training opportunities, or commitment to high safety standards, living wage or greater numbers of women in construction and leadership positions.

An example might be something like:
 The construction contract contains a social procurement commitment to create opportunities for people in Northland that are not currently in employment, by providing training to two young people during the construction of the building.
 4. **Does it have to be a building project? What if we want to buy a bigger place would this fund help with that?**
 Foundation North does not the Purchase of buildings – See our [Exclusions and Limitations](#)



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5. **If the total value of the project is more than \$1million but the project is staged, can a part of a stage be applied for?**

If Foundation North has provided a grant over \$1 million or has been at least a 50% funder of a large capital grant, it is unlikely to consider any further funding application within three years of the grant (Note: This will be built into the conditions of all building project grants over \$1m)

6. **As a new organisation, is there a major hindrance or anything we can do to boost our chances of funding our "Ideal" build or best to start small?**

If starting small is what your community can afford, and meets the needs – then this might be the best thing to do, however, if the community is set to grow and there are no other planned spaces coming on line (eg Council facilities), it might well be that your community needs something bigger, or as you say ‘ideal’.

We recommend having a strong feasibility study and business case detailing why a new building/facility is needed in your community. It might be there is increased community demand – the population is growing/changing, the facilities in the area do not meet your community’s need of or the existing facilities at capacity or are no longer fit for purpose. Alongside understanding how your community will fund the construction, we want to know if your community can afford to manage and run the facility – including ongoing costs like renewals, repairs and maintenance and staffing.

It is advisable to show how often, and when facilities will be utilised and at what cost to participate (e.g. room hire, court fees, membership levies etc).

7. **Our organisation up here at Te Puawaitanga in Kerikeri is going through process of setting up our working group into a Governance Board working towards Inc Society status.:** That’s great to hear, no doubt your constitution/Deed will outline the purpose and responsibilities of the organisation including asset management.

8. **Can you please advise what type of costs are out of scope?**

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9. **Geographically is there a specific area that you support or are you a national fund?**

<https://www.foundationnorth.org.nz/funding#foundation-boundaries>

10. **What about major building renovation of an existing community facility?**

We are able to contribute up to \$25,000 to renovations through our [Quick response](#) and up to \$100,000 through the [Community Grant](#) programme.

For a grant greater than \$100,000, we require a Feasibility Study with a Business Case. Please contact us to discuss your project.

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