



TOP OF THE SOUTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2026 ANNUAL GRANT ROUND

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will my application be processed?

Applications are submitted through our online portal and reviewed by a Distribution Committee made up of Board members, staff, grant advisors and community representatives. The Committee makes recommendations to the Top of the South Community Foundation (TSCF) Board, which makes the final funding decisions. The Distribution Committee checks that applications align with the donor's wishes, respond to community need, and demonstrate that organisations have the capacity to deliver the proposed projects. Applicants are notified of the outcome and, if successful, will be asked to complete an accountability report. This process helps us distribute funding to achieve the highest impact with our donors' gifts.

What are the key dates?

Grant round open: 1–30 June

July: applications reviewed (additional info may be requested)

August: decisions finalised and communicated

Grant payments: TSCF aims to distribute grants by the end of August

Can we apply for more than one fund in the same grant round?

Projects and organisations (unless acting as a fundholder) may only apply for one grant, but they can also apply for a Tindall Foundation Grant on our website.

Where do I apply for a Tindall Foundation Grant?

From this year onwards, TSCF is a Local Donation Manager for the Tindall Foundation. Please apply for a Tindall Foundation grant through the TSCF website. If you wish to apply for both a TSCF grant and a Tindall Foundation grant, you will need to complete a separate application for each, as the project name, funding request, and amount sought may differ.

When do we need to report back?

Unless otherwise stated, an accountability report is due 12 months from the date of the offer letter. The template is available on the Resources page of the TSCF



website. Failure to meet grant conditions may result in repayment being required and may affect eligibility for future funding.

Can we apply again if we received funding in the last round?

Yes. This is our only grant round this year, so previous recipients from the September or October rounds are welcome to apply again. You do not need to have completed your accountability report yet.

Are grants multi-year?

Most grants are awarded for one year. However, the GSG Wilson Fund does offer some multi-year grants. You can indicate your interest in a multi-year grant when applying through the portal.

Can an unincorporated community group apply?

Yes—if you apply through an eligible fundholder (for example, a charitable trust that agrees to receive and manage the grant on your behalf). Organisations acting as fundholders may apply on their own behalf and on behalf of other groups.

Who do we contact if we have questions?

Email: info@topsouthfoundation.org.nz

Website: www.topsouthfoundation.org.nz

TSCF is happy to help you understand whether a TSCF grant is a good fit for your organisation.