



Overview

Ngāti Tūwharetoa Mercury Development Group was established as a result of a partnership agreement between Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Mighty River Power (now Mercury) in October 2002. The Development Group is charged with the task of supporting Ngāti Tūwharetoa in sporting, cultural, educational and environmental projects.

PLEASE NOTE:

The **'project objectives'** section is one of the most important parts of the application. In order to accurately assess your application, the development group needs to be able to understand the objectives of your project and how these relate to the key objectives of this group.

The **'project plan & budget'** should detail the steps that you intend to undertake with costs throughout the implementation of the project in order to enable the group to clearly understand what is being proposed.

Key Objective

The key objectives of the Ngāti Tūwharetoa Mercury Development Group (NTMDG) are:

- Enhancing the spiritual and cultural relationship of Ngāti Tūwharetoa with Lake Taupō, the Waikato River, and related taonga.
- Conducting environmental enhancement projects, remedial works, and scientific studies in and around Lake Taupō, the Waikato River, and adjacent lands.
- Facilitating the exercise of kaitiakitanga by supporting activities and projects that contribute to this goal.

About the Fund

The Kaitiaki Project Fund was established by Ngāti Tūwharetoa Mercury Development Group to support larger, high-impact environmental projects led by hapū, marae and iwi.

Its purpose is to enable more substantial Kaupapa - projects that deliver stronger, long-term benefits for our people and our Taiao, including Lake Taupō, the Waikato River, and the wider environment. This fund is designed for initiatives that require a heavier investment and create meaningful, measurable outcomes.

Funding is available under three components. Please select one:

- Multi-Year Environmental Project**
- Contestable Taiao Project Fund**
- Special Marae Grant - Kaitiaki**



1. Multi-Year Environmental Projects

Purpose:

To support large-scale, multi-year projects that deliver long-term environmental outcomes for Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

Funding available:

- Up to three new multi-year projects will be funded annually.
- Individual multi-year projects will have a funding cap of \$100,000 each, allocated as follows:
- Changes to this annual funding structure may be considered by the NTMDG, at its discretion.
- If a project is planned for two years instead of three, it may still access up to \$100,000, subject to approval by the Group. However, the total annual funding across all projects must be managed within the Group's available funding.
- If funds are not allocated during the March multi-year project funding round, they will be released into the contestable funding pool.

Multi-year funding of up to \$100,000 is available per project, allocated over three years as follows:

- Year 1: \$40,000
- Year 2: \$40,000
- Year 3: \$20,000

Criteria:

- Requires hapū endorsement and a full business case.
- Must show alignment with NTMDG environmental objectives.
- Must include measurable outcomes and sustainable practices.
- Must include a detailed project plan and budget.
- Requires proof of permissions (hapū, landowners, councils).
- Meets reporting requirements.

2. Contestable Taiao Project Fund

Purpose:

To support smaller or one-off environmental projects that contribute to NTMDG taiao objectives.

Criteria:

- Open to all applicants who meet NTMDG environmental criteria but do not qualify for multi-year funding.
- Must include a detailed project plan and budget
- Requires proof of permissions (hapū, landowners, councils).
- Preference given to hapū-endorsed projects.

3. Special Marae Grant - Kaitiaki Taiao

Purpose:

To help marae carry out kaitiaki mahi that protects and improves the environment in their own hapū. The marae has full control over how the funding is shared with whānau and how it is used for their kaupapa.

Funding available:

Up to **\$30,000 per marae** as a one-off grant if not utilised then it will be held to the following year.

Monitoring & Reporting <i>(How will you monitor progress and measure the success of your project? What information will you provide in your final report- e.g., photos, environmental data, receipts, community involvement, milestones completed?)</i>			
Please identify how support from the Development Group will provide value for Ngāti Tūwharetoa:			
What similar projects has your rūpū completed in the past, and have you applied to any other organisations for funding support for this project?			
Long-Term Sustainability: <i>(How will your project be maintained after NTMDG funding ends? Who will be responsible for ongoing care, monitoring, or maintenance if required?)</i>			
Is there any further information about your project that you wish to include with your application?		Please attach additional pages if required.	
Project Plan & Budget			
How long will it take to carry out your project?		<input type="checkbox"/> 0-6 Months <input type="checkbox"/> 7-12 Months <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 Years <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Stage 1			
Start date		Expected Timeframe	
Key tasks to be completed and Items	Cost(s) – GST Inclusive		
	NTMDG	Other Organisations	Your organisation
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Total for Stage 1			
Stage 2			
Start date		Expected Timeframe	
Key tasks to be completed	Cost(s)		
	NTMDG	Other Organisations	Your Organisation

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Total for Stage 2	\$		
Stage 3			
Start date		Expected Timeframe	
Key tasks to be completed	Cost(s)		
	NTMDG	Other Organisations	Your organisation
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Total for Stage 3	\$		
Total cost(s) of Project GST inclusive	Your organisation/rōpū contribution		\$
	Financial support from other organisations		\$
	Amount sought from NTMDG		\$
	Total Cost		\$
Signatures			
<p>Two authorised people must complete this section. By signing below, each signatory confirms that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All information in this application is true and correct. Funding is not guaranteed, and NTMDG decisions are final. NTMDG may verify information with third parties. The signatories confirm they are authorised to submit this application on behalf of the organisation/rōpū. If funding is approved, the organisation/rōpū will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use funds only for the approved purpose, meet all reporting and financial accountability requirements, and notify NTMDG of any changes, risks, or delays. The organisation/rōpū agrees that NTMDG may publicly acknowledge the funded project and expects acknowledgment in return. The signatories understand their obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and confirm suitable H&S processes will be in place. 			

Name:

Name:

Signature:

Signature:

Date:

Date:

Checklist

Before submitting your application, please check that you have:

- Read the 'Information for Applicants' document and are sure that your proposal meets the application criteria.
- Completed all relevant sections in this application form.
- You have obtained Hapu support documentation
- Attached any other additional information to support this application.

All completed application forms and enquiries should be directed to:

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