



## The Working Together More Fund

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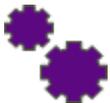
## Established in 2009 to help enable groups to work together...

...The Working Together More Fund (WTMF) helps groups wanting to collaborate for the purpose of achieving greater results for our communities. An example of successful collaboration themselves, the Wayne Francis Trust, J R McKenzie Trust, Todd Foundation, The Tindall Foundation, Hugh Green Foundation and DV Bryant Trust are committed to making a difference.

The committee wants to assist community groups make a greater difference for the people and communities they serve, through working more closely with other organisations. The Fund can provide seeding money and expertise to develop collaborative arrangements, but does not provide on-going operating costs.

Visit [workingtogether.org.nz](http://workingtogether.org.nz) to find out more. There you will also find success stories demonstrating how the Fund can help community organisations collaborate – you'll also find previous grant recipients and feedback from those who have attempted collaboration.

IS YOUR COLLABORATIVE  
INITIATIVE ELIGIBLE?  
[WORKINGTOGETHER.ORG.NZ](http://WORKINGTOGETHER.ORG.NZ)



## How does it work?

Each of the three annual funding rounds has strict application cut-off dates which, along with the application form, can be found on [workingtogether.org.nz](http://workingtogether.org.nz). The lead organisation for each application is required to submit their most recent accounts, evidence of their legal status (if not registered with the Charities Commission) and a list of board/committee members to support their application.

Grants are made by a committee comprising one representative of each funder. They consider how well each application matches the WTMF guidelines, including the potential for positive impact on the communities served.

Demand for funding is consistently high. Grants have ranged from \$750 to \$25,500, and average \$7,500. Demand almost always exceeds the funds available.

Will your initiative  
positively impact  
communities?

## Does your idea match the WTMF guidelines? Start by asking yourself:

- ✓ Will your collaborative initiative positively impact on **communities**?
- ✓ Will you be **partnering** with at least one other group - or intending to do so?
- ✓ Is it a **new** collaborative initiative?

If you answered 'yes' to the above questions visit [workingtogether.org.nz](http://workingtogether.org.nz) to find out more. Should you choose to apply, there is an online application form on this website.



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## Eligible applicants

Successful applicants generally fit into one of the following scenarios...

- ✓ **They want to collaborate with other groups** to increase efficiency or effectiveness – they might be merging, sharing facilities, systems or team members or undertaking a joint project. The Fund may assist with facilitation or meeting costs enabling groups to meet and explore.
- ✓ **They have a great idea for a collaborative initiative requiring further exploration** - if a collaborative idea has the potential to benefit communities, the Fund may assist with small-scale exploration or a trial.
- ✓ **They have explored the feasibility of a collaborative initiative** but require a seeding grant to get started. Start-up funding could cover small-scale costs, such as shared-equipment, short-term staff time or consultancy expertise to modify systems or procedures, website development and so on.

## Ineligible applicants

The Fund does not provide grants for 'business-as-usual' projects so it can't form part of your everyday portfolio. Applications will not be considered where the WTMF guidelines, or those of the individual **WTMF** funders, are not met. Find out more on [workingtogether.org.nz](http://workingtogether.org.nz)



Visit [workingtogether.org.nz](http://workingtogether.org.nz) for applicant guidelines and find out when the next funding round closes.



Some ways collaboration can happen are when two or more organisations:

- > Share physical facilities such as office space and equipment
- > Share 'backroom' services – payroll, accounting, IT etc
- > Share volunteers
- > Second staff
- > Cooperate at a planning level including allocating activities/clients to reduce duplication
- > Share aspects of management and/or governance
- > Merge to form one organisation.

While a level of working together is expected as part of normal operations, sometimes collaboration over and above 'business as usual' can bring significantly improved services to clients including efficiency and effectiveness gains for the organisations involved.

### Contact information

**Interact Canterbury** manages day to day **WTMF** operations. Based in Christchurch, Bede Martin is the contact for applicants and grantees.

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