

Planet FM information broadcast
ASB Community Trust

The following is a message from the ASB Community Trust.

Did you know that you can apply for money to help support special projects in your neighbourhood and community?

At ASB Community Trust, we give money to groups who are working to make Auckland and Northland better places to live for all of us.

We help groups working in arts and culture; community wellbeing; environment; health; heritage; learning; marae and sport.

Auckland and Northland groups who have recently received money from us include:

- Auckland Cambodian Youth and Recreation Trust
- Chinese New Settlers Services Trust
- Ethnic Voice New Zealand
- Migrant Action Trust
- Migrant Support Services
- Pasifika Mana Social Work Support Trust
- Shakti Community Council
- Te Korowai Aroha o Ngati Whatua

Your group can apply for help with the costs of running your office, current projects or to launch an exciting new project.

In order to receive money from the ASB Community Trust, a group must be working in the Auckland or Northland areas and must be a registered charity or incorporated society that has existed for at least 12 months.

That can be hard for some small groups, or groups who have only just started their work, so talk to our staff about it. There may be other ways that we can advise and help you.

ASB Community Trust cannot give money to individuals, even if the work they are doing will help the community.

The amounts of the grants are decided individually, case-by-case.

It is also important to know about closing dates.

Your group can ask for money once a year, but we must receive all the necessary information by the correct date.

When you contact ASB Community Trust, be sure to ask for the deadline for your application and stick to it.

For example, if you want money for an arts project, you must fill in the right form and give it to ASB Community Trust by 1 April or 1 September.

It then takes about three months for a decision to be made, and you receive notification of the decision.

There is a lot more information on our website:

www.ASBCommunityTrust.org.nz, or you can ring and speak to one of our staff.

If you live in Auckland, you can talk to us by ringing (09) 3600291. If you live outside Auckland, calls are free on 0800 272 878. Email messages can be sent to info@ASBCommunityTrust.org.nz

All you have to do is ring up, make an appointment and an ASB Community Trust grants advisor will sit down and talk to you about your group's project and try to help turn your dreams into reality.