



# COOK ISLANDS ACCESS TO SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMMES

Small Grant Programme Title	Grant Purpose	Development Partner	Lead Organisation/ Ministry	Contact
Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) - Up to JPY 10million per project (NZ\$110-115K)	Aids self-supporting social-economic development activities that will achieve sustainable and environmentally-friendly economic growth and improvements in living standards. <b>Open all year round</b>	Japan Government	Embassy of Japan to the Cook Islands in New Zealand	Submissions to <a href="mailto:development@wl.mofa.go.jp">development@wl.mofa.go.jp</a> Enquiries to: <a href="mailto:enquiry@wl.mofa.go.jp">enquiry@wl.mofa.go.jp</a>
Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects (GCGP) - Up to JPY 10million per project (NZ\$110-115K)	Aids self-supporting cultural, higher education and cultural heritage activities (sports programmes are also considered). Application accepted all year round for NGOs, NFP, CSOs, Education institutes etc. <b>Open all year round</b>	Japan Government	Embassy of Japan to the Cook Islands in New Zealand	Submissions to <a href="mailto:development@wl.mofa.go.jp">development@wl.mofa.go.jp</a> Enquiries to: <a href="mailto:enquiry@wl.mofa.go.jp">enquiry@wl.mofa.go.jp</a>
Germany Small Grants Programme - Grant value of EU\$ 10K per project (~NZ\$14K) - <b>Applications to be submitted before February annually</b>	The project must directly serve the basic needs of the most deprived social groups and have a direct positive and sustainable impact of at least 2 years on the living conditions of the target group (e.g. projects referring to education, vocational training, hygiene standards, medical provisions). Gender equity aspects are to be taken into consideration	Government of the Federal Republic of Germany	Cook Islands Honorary Consul, Federal Republic of Germany in Rarotonga	Ms Tina Pupuke Browne (Barrister) <a href="mailto:law@browneharvey.co.ck">law@browneharvey.co.ck</a>
New Zealand High Commission Fund - Up to NZ\$25k per project	Supports small scale, short-term community projects that contribute to wider community well-being, aimed primarily at community groups and NGOs. <b>Open for applications biennially</b>	New Zealand Government	New Zealand High Commission in Rarotonga	Ms Victoria Williams <a href="mailto:victoria.williams@mfat.govt.nz">victoria.williams@mfat.govt.nz</a>



<p>Direct Aid Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to NZ\$10k</li> <li>- <b>Open annually</b></li> </ul>	<p>Supporting small-scale development projects and activities that involve the beneficiaries in the identification, design and management of the projects. Successful projects are required to appropriately acknowledge the Australian Government.</p>	<p>Australia Government</p>	<p>Australian High Commission in Australia</p>	<p>To check for next round of application invites email:  Protocol Officer, Ms Emma Chattington <a href="mailto:emma.chattington@dfat.gov.au">emma.chattington@dfat.gov.au</a></p>
<p>India Grant Fund (IGF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NZ\$20k</li> <li>- Open annually</li> </ul>	<p>To support, promote or develop social, cultural, or economic development and sustainability, it should directly serve the basic needs of the community and have a positive and sustainable impact on the living conditions of the target group (e.g. projects referring to education, vocational training, hygiene standards, community development areas, gender).</p>	<p>Government of India</p>	<p>CKI Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM), Rarotonga</p>	<p>Email inquiries to Development Coordination Division (DCD)  <a href="mailto:development@cookislands.gov.ck">development@cookislands.gov.ck</a></p>
<p>Cook Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 2-3 grants/month of up to NZ\$2, 000</li> </ul>	<p>A local charitable trust that has commenced making grants identified through Members of Parliaments and charitable trust/community organisations for charitable causes in the community.</p> <p>Charitable objectives for the benefit include: protection of life and property; promotion of the safety of the public; relief, assistance and protection of people who are victims of natural or manmade disaster, emergency/catastrophe; relief of sickness and preservation of health; relief of poverty &amp; financial hardship; preservation, conservation &amp; protection of the environment; promotion of waste reduction, re-use &amp; recycling; advancement of education; advancement of religious faith especially as practiced in the Cook Islands; benefit of community need etc.</p>		<p>Cook Foundation Board of Trustees in Rarotonga</p>	<p>To check for next round of application invites email:  Chair of the Board of Trustees  Honourable Ms Niki Rattle <a href="mailto:niki.rattle@cookislands.gov.ck">niki.rattle@cookislands.gov.ck</a></p>



<p>Strengthening Resilience in Island Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- US\$38k</li> </ul>	<p>SRIC is only available for the 11 Pa Enea for funds for vulnerable and at-risk groups affected by climate change and includes disaster risk reduction activities.</p>	<p>United Nations Development Programme</p>	<p>CKI Office of the Prime Minister, Climate Change Cook Islands, Rarotonga</p>	<p>To check for next round email: SRIC Fund Coordinator, Mr Mia Teaurima <a href="mailto:mia.teaurima@cookislands.gov.ck">mia.teaurima@cookislands.gov.ck</a></p>
<p>Agribusiness Grant Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to Nz\$10k per grant request</li> </ul>	<p>To assist, small and medium agribusiness enterprises in the Cook Islands to increase their economic independence, to create sustainable employment opportunities and also address the capacity building and training needs through short-term training attachments and advisory services.</p>	<p>UN Food &amp; Agriculture Organisation</p>	<p>C. Is Chamber of Commerce in Rarotonga</p>	<p>To check for next round email: Executive Director, Ms Lynne Samuel <a href="mailto:chamber@commerce.co.ck">chamber@commerce.co.ck</a></p>
<p>Global Environment Fund Small Grant Programme (GEF SGP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to US\$50K</li> </ul>	<p>To support registered CSO's, NGO's and Island communities to deliver services to vulnerable and at-risk groups in 5 areas: Biodiversity, Land Degradation, Climate Change, International Waters and Persistent Organic Pollutants.</p>	<p>United Nations Development Programme</p>	<p>C.Is Red Cross Society, Rarotonga</p>	<p>To check for next round email: GEF SGP National Coordinator, Cook Islands Ms Teuru Passfield <a href="mailto:sgp.ci@undp.org">sgp.ci@undp.org</a> / <a href="mailto:pteuru@redcross.org.ck">pteuru@redcross.org.ck</a></p>
<p>Fisheries Development Facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fisheries Small Grants NZ\$150k &amp; Pa Enea Tokerau NZ\$50k</li> </ul>	<p>Grant is for a wide range of activities from kick starting small fisheries ventures to purchasing sea safety gear, hygienic storage of catch and upgrading fishing equipment.</p> <p><b>Open for application in Jan/Feb annually</b></p>	<p>Cook Islands Government</p>	<p>Ministry of Marine Resources in Rarotonga</p>	<p>Mr Koroa Raumea <a href="mailto:rar@mnr.gov.ck">rar@mnr.gov.ck</a></p>
<p>New Zealand Aid Pacific TA: Programme for Technical Assistance to Pacific Countries</p>	<p>For Cook Islands Government Agencies eligible to apply for initiative mainly involving the provision of short term (2-3 weeks) technical expertise to develop and deliver appropriate solutions to service delivery at the local level.</p> <p>Can be in areas of urban planning, infrastructure planning and management, water and waste management and asset management.</p>	<p>Local Government New Zealand</p>	<p>Local Government New Zealand in New Zealand</p>	<p>To check for next round email: Local Government New Zealand <a href="mailto:Pacificta@lgnz.co.nz">Pacificta@lgnz.co.nz</a></p> <p>Website for eligibility criteria and application forms at: <a href="https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/aid-and-development/working-with-us/contestable-funds/pacificta/">https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/aid-and-development/working-with-us/contestable-funds/pacificta/</a></p>



<p>New Zealand Aid Pacific Island Countries Participation Fund (PIC Fund)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Four funding rounds each year</b></li> </ul>	<p>The PIC Fund is a 'reimbursement' fund. Payments are made after the event, based on actual amounts spent (up to amount agreed) and supported by and invoice and receipts.</p> <p>Only legally incorporated organisations in the Cook Islands including government departments and agencies are eligible for support under this fund to attend conferences that strengthen ownership of development processes and activities in the Cook Islands.</p> <p>The PIC Fund may cover all or some attendance at conferences such as travel, accommodation, meal allowances and conference fees.</p> <p>Apply on</p> <p>1 Feb for events occurring from 1 April;</p> <p>1 May for events occurring from 1 July;</p> <p>1 August for event occurring from 1 Oct; and '</p> <p>1 November for events occurring from 1 January the next year</p>	<p>New Zealand Government</p>	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in New Zealand</p>	<p>The Programme Manager, PIC Participation Fund</p> <p><a href="mailto:pic@mfat.mfat.govt.nz">pic@mfat.mfat.govt.nz</a></p> <p>For more information application forms and templates to assist with application for Events in New Zealand or for Events outside of New Zealand at: <a href="https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/aid-and-development/working-with-us/contestable-funds/pacific-island-countries-participation-fund-pic-fund/">https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/aid-and-development/working-with-us/contestable-funds/pacific-island-countries-participation-fund-pic-fund/</a></p>
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