



PANDEMIC COMMUNICATION: COVID-19

FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH WREMO & WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

REIMBURSEMENT OF ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND SERVICES COSTS (ALL LOCALITIES)

- The Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs) within each Council are able to enter into an agreement with NGOs and community organisations who provide emergency welfare support, in relation to the delivery of Household Goods and Services (HG&S). These costs will be met by new funding that has been made available by the government to support the delivery of welfare. See below for more information on what is and isn't reimbursable.
- The agreements will be set up by the local Councils' EOCs directly with the NGO or community organisation. So, if you'd like to access these agreements, please make direct contact with your local Council's EOC Welfare Team.
- If your organisation covers multiple councils, you might like to explore a regional level agreement. This can be arranged through the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO).
- There is no clarity around how long this funding will be available for at this stage.

EXAMPLE OF ITEMS THAT CAN BE REIMBURSED

- The provision and delivery of food and household supplies to meet urgent and immediate needs
- Blankets, hot water bottles, basic clothing and firewood to meet urgent and immediate needs
- Over-the-counter medication to meet urgent and immediate needs
- Costs associated with the making up, packaging and delivery of food and household supplies arising from the direct engagement of a community group / foodbank by the CDEM Group / territorial authority
- The provision of pet food for companion animals to meet urgent and immediate needs.
- Costs associated with making up and delivering (if required) food and other household supplies to meet immediate, essential needs
- Purchase of PPE for staff and volunteers, where this is considered necessary by the food bank / community organisation (taking into account Ministry of Health guidelines and advice)
- Petrol or other costs associated with the delivery of food and other household supplies to people who are self-isolating or otherwise unable to help themselves
- Temporary hire (not purchase) of plant equipment e.g. chillers / coolers, forklifts, pallets, vans, waste disposal equipment required for storage, preparation or delivery of food
- Short term leasing or rental (and associated utilities costs eg electricity) of additional premises or facilities
- Hiring of additional staff (including security guards if required) to support the safe preparation and delivery of food and other household goods and services.

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

- Any business-related costs including cleaning of premises after an event permissible for a particular alert level
- The provision of food and any other costs associated with animals that are not companion animals, including stock and animal rescue operations and support
- Costs associated with carrying out business as usual activities
- Purchase of plant / equipment as noted in the list above.

EOC Welfare Managers Contact details, if you'd like to make contact.

Council / Emergency Operations Centre	Email address
Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO)	ecc.welfare@wrem.nz
Wellington	cd.welfare@wcc.govt.nz
Hutt City	hut.welfare@wrem.nz (not a spelling error)
Upper Hutt City	upp.welfare@wrem.nz
Kāpiti District	cdem.welfare@kapiticoast.govt.nz
Porirua City	peoc.welfare@wrem.nz
Wairarapa Districts	wai.welfare@wrem.nz

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Wellington City Council has allocated additional funding to its Social and Recreation Fund. Applications close **on 29 May 2020**, with decisions made on 23 June 2020.

The Social and Recreation Fund is being redirected to:

- Provide immediate assistance for social and community agencies who are responding to increased demand for services as part of the response to COVID-19.
- Assist social and community agencies who have had to reframe, redesign or adapt services to meet increased demand during response and into a period of recovery.
- Support social and community agencies who are demonstrating cross-sector collaboration to address increased demand on services.

Our priority is to support projects and programmes which respond to increased and emerging needs in Wellington City and must address one or more of the following:

- Harm reduction with a focus on family violence, sexual harm, domestic violence,
- Enhancing food security and access to healthy food,
- Homelessness; projects that support or promote the reduction of rough sleeping,
- Mental health and wellbeing, including drop-in services and other positive and meaningful activities,
- Improved community resilience and wellbeing and promote neighbourhood connections,
- Supporting communities of interest, in particular Maori, Pasifika, seniors, accessibility, LGBTQI+ and young people.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Enable clubs to provide affordable and accessible opportunities for participation in play, active recreation, and sport following a period of lock-down from COVID-19.
- Increase Māori and Pasifika participation in sport and recreation activities.
- Enable communities to enjoy active and healthy lifestyles including young people, women and girls, people with disabilities and those who face barriers to participation.

Detailed information on the fund and application process is available here - <https://wellington.govt.nz/services/community-and-culture/funding/council-funds/social-and-recreation-fund>