

Community Funding Directory

Funding opportunities available through
Selwyn District Council

Valid until June 2024



Selwyn District Council has a range of community grants, scholarships and in-kind support for individuals and groups in our community.



Selwyn District Council supports our community’s growth and wellbeing through providing funding which would not normally be accessible to members of our community.

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Selwyn.govt.nz/contactus or email
our Selwyn Community Fund team
selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz.





Creative New Zealand Creative Communities Scheme

Funding is available for community-based arts activities in Selwyn through the Creative Communities Scheme.

The scheme is a partnership between Creative New Zealand and the 78 local authorities. Selwyn District Council takes responsibility for the delivery of the scheme in our district.

Local decision-making is the key to the success of the scheme. Applications are considered by a local assessment committee.



Aim of scheme

The aim of the Creative Communities Scheme is to increase participation in the arts at a community level, and increase the range and diversity of arts available to communities.

Projects that are funded should have an arts focus and achieve at least one of the following:

- Encourage participation
- Support diversity
- Enable young people

Who is eligible?

All New Zealanders, individuals or groups, are eligible to apply within their respective regions.

Funding is available for community-based arts activities in Selwyn from the Creative Communities Scheme.

Funding dates and figures

Two funding rounds are held each year. Closing dates are 31 March and 31 August.

As an indication of the funding pool size: \$52,320.00 is generally available annually. Please contact staff to discuss the current year's budget and remaining funds available.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/creativecommunities
or email creativenz@selwyn.govt.nz



Meet your Street

Selwyn is one of the fastest growing districts in New Zealand and we want all residents to feel part of their community.

A supportive community helps migrants and newcomers feel welcome.

Getting to know people who live nearby helps create a sense of belonging in your local area.

Strengthening connections and trust in our communities contributes to a happier and safer neighbourhood for everyone.



Aim of fund

Selwyn District Council provides a subsidy for neighbourhoods to meet and welcome new residents to their neighbourhood.

Who is eligible?

- Anyone who lives in Selwyn is eligible to apply for Meet Your Street funding.
- Recognised community groups, committees of Council and businesses are not eligible to apply.
- Council employees are also ineligible.

Funding dates and figures

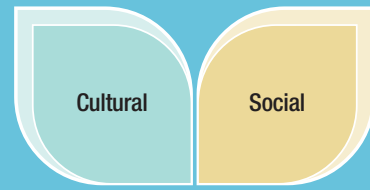
Applications are open throughout the year. We have information available to help with your planning.

A subsidy of up to \$75 is available per event.

An application form must be submitted and approved by the Council Staff administering this fund prior to the gathering. The subsidy is paid out once the event has been held. Only one application per street, per year.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet to download application forms or email meetyourstreet@selwyn.govt.nz





Selwyn Community Fund

One of the ways that Selwyn District Council helps to build strong communities in our district is by supporting groups and organisations that contribute to our community wellbeing.

The Selwyn Community Fund is designed to support events and activities that make Selwyn a great place to live, work and play – by contributing to community wellbeing, bringing communities together and attracting visitors to Selwyn.



Aim of fund

The Selwyn Community Fund is a key mechanism for the Council to financially support community groups doing positive things in Selwyn. Community groups need to describe how they meet one or more of the following community goals:

- To increase participation in physical activity across all ages
- To increase participation, engagement and enjoyment for all
- To celebrate and promote Selwyn's uniqueness
- To build community capacity, collaboration, awareness and understanding
- To create and promote opportunities for volunteering
- To encourage visitors
- To encourage initiatives, activities and approaches that build community spirit, a sense of neighbourliness, belonging and connectedness

Who is eligible?

- A 'recognised' group fulfils the following criteria: has been in existence for more than two years and provides an open membership to residents of Selwyn.
- For new groups, no less than two letters of support are required from referees who are upstanding members of the community and who can verify the group's purpose is charitable with a community focus and provides open membership to Selwyn residents.
- Community groups are able to apply to the Selwyn Community Fund, providing the funding's purpose is for a not-for-profit, charitable and community focused project.

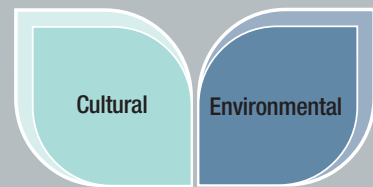
Funding dates and figures

Applications for the Selwyn Community Fund are open year round, with funding allocated in four rounds each year.
Round one: 31 July. Round two: 31 October
Round three: 31 January. Round four: 30 April.

As an indication of the funding pool size: \$170,000 is generally available annually. Please contact staff to discuss the current year's budget and remaining funds available.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/communityfund
or email
selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz





Selwyn Heritage Fund

Preserving the integrity of Selwyn’s heritage buildings and trees is key to protecting our history. The Selwyn District Plan has a list of buildings, trees and other structures, such as war memorials, that are listed as being important to the community and therefore protected.

Repairs to heritage items are often costly and suitable heritage materials may not be readily available.

Quotes need to be obtained prior to applying for a grant.

Types of projects that have previously been funded are:

- Enhancement to heritage features
- Fireplace restoration
- Brickwork
- Roof and guttering repairs
- Window and glass replacement



Aim of the fund

The purpose of the fund is to encourage and assist owners with work required to maintain and enhance heritage buildings in the district as well as work required on protected trees.

Who is eligible?

The fund is open to residents and ratepayers of Selwyn and is administered by Selwyn District Council via a nominated panel.

How much is available?

It is a contestable fund that is distributed among successful applicants as grants (anywhere from \$500-\$7500). Funds usually cover part of the work to be done, with applicants making up the difference. Payment is made upon receipt of the work being done.

Funding dates and figures

The Selwyn Heritage Fund will open for approximately six weeks usually in the middle of the year. Late applications will not be considered.

As an indication of the funding pool size; \$40,000 is generally available annually. Please contact staff to discuss the current year’s budget and remaining funds available.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/heritagefund
or email heritagefund@selwyn.govt.nz





Selwyn Natural Environment Fund

Selwyn District Council has set up the Selwyn Natural Environment Fund to help combat and reverse the decline of native species in our district.

Private land in Selwyn includes areas of flora and fauna that contain rare or threatened native species.

These include areas of forest, scrub, tussocks and wetlands, many of which have been identified as Significant Natural Areas, and provide habitat for indigenous birds, fish and insects.

A growing number of landowners are protecting and restoring areas of native vegetation on private land.



Aim of fund

To encourage and assist landowners with voluntary work that benefits the natural environment and to support the continued protection of biodiversity on their land. This assistance includes funding for weed and predator control.

First priority

To protect those sites that have been identified by an ecological assessment as significant natural areas, particularly where they face threats.

Second priority

- To help restore and protect sites with existing indigenous biodiversity values
- To create new native restoration sites.

These sites may be considered if the funds for significant natural areas do not fully subscribe the fund value.

Who is eligible?

The fund is open to:

- Residents and ratepayers of Selwyn
- Individuals or groups for work on private land in Selwyn.

Selwyn District Council and other public agencies, such as Environment Canterbury, the Department of Conservation or Land Information New Zealand, are excluded from applying to the fund.

Funding dates and figures

Applications for the Selwyn Natural Environment Fund are accepted throughout the year, closing at 5pm on the last Friday in May. Applications received after this will be considered by the assessment panel the following year.

Successful applicants can receive grants of up to \$5,000, depending on the funding available. Please contact staff to discuss the current year's budget.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/naturalenvironmentfund or email biodiversity@selwyn.govt.nz



Social

Selwyn Secondary Schools Tertiary Scholarships

Selwyn District Council awards scholarships annually to year 12 or 13 students at Darfield High School, Ellesmere College, Lincoln High School and Rolleston College for tertiary education.



Who is eligible?

Students must live in Selwyn and be in year 12 or 13 at a Selwyn secondary school.

Students applying must be planning to undertake full-time post-secondary school education/training at a recognised New Zealand university, polytechnic or training institution.

The planned education/training must commence in the calendar year following awarding of the scholarship.

The scholarship is only available for payment towards course fees and costs associated with the purchase of books/equipment required for the study/training.

Applications are encouraged from students that have achieved outstanding success in academic, sports, cultural, arts, social responsibility or other areas, either at school or in their community. Those who have overcome barriers or hardships to achieve are also encouraged to apply.

Funding dates and figures

Applications open in July and close in September.

As an indication of the funding pool size: Selwyn Secondary Schools Tertiary Scholarships: \$3000 per scholarship, two scholarships available for each of the four Selwyn secondary schools.

Application

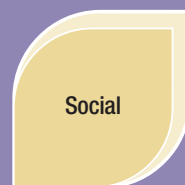
There are three ways to apply: online, by post or by video application.

Other information

Selwyn District Council reviews all applications and prepares a shortlist for each ward. The relevant ward councillor/s will communicate with each school regarding the applications and may request an interview with the shortlisted students. The successful applicants are announced at the end of year school prizegiving.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships or
email scholarships@selwyn.govt.nz





Selwyn Youth Project Fund

The Selwyn Youth Council has established a discretionary fund called the Selwyn Youth Project Fund which is managed by the youth council.



Aim of fund

The Selwyn Youth Project Fund was created to provide support for groups or individuals whose events or activities contribute to the strengthening of youth wellbeing in Selwyn.

Who is eligible?

Community groups who are offering projects, events or activities within the Selwyn district or primarily benefiting the youth of Selwyn. A 'Youth' is defined as someone aged 12-24 years.

Funding dates and figures

Decisions are made at monthly Selwyn Youth Council meetings.

As an indication of the funding pool size: \$5000 is generally available annually. Please contact staff to discuss the current year's budget and remaining funds available.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/youthfund or email youth.council@selwyn.govt.nz



Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

This fund has been created to help subsidise rural travel for junior teams. It is targeted at young people aged 5–18 years to assist school and club sports teams to participate in local sporting competitions taking place outside school time.



Aim of the fund

The fund is to help subsidise rural travel for junior teams to participate in local sporting competitions taking place outside school time within the Selwyn district.

Who is eligible?

The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams.

Funding dates and figures

Two funding rounds are held each year, closing in May and November. Check the website for dates.

As an indication of the funding pool size: \$27,253 is generally available annually. Please contact staff to discuss the current year's budget and remaining funds available.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/sportstravelfund or email selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz





Ward Discretionary Fund

Each year Selwyn District Council allocates discretionary funds to its four wards:

- Malvern
- Springs
- Ellesmere
- Rolleston

Examples of what is funded

- Community groups based in or working for Selwyn
- Personal growth and development for individuals who are contributing to community wellbeing in Selwyn
- Capacity building and development for Selwyn-based community organisations
- Representation at events for individuals and teams
- Seed funding for special events or projects
- School projects which are outside Ministry of Education curriculum activities
- Church programmes/activities which include the wider community



Who can apply?

- Non-profit community organisations based in or working in Selwyn and delivering services/activities in Selwyn
- Selwyn residents

Funding figures

As an indication of the funding pool size: the average application receives \$500–\$1500 in funding. From pools of: Malvern \$14,000, Springs \$24,000, Ellesmere \$15,000, Selwyn Central \$30,000. Please contact staff to discuss the current year's budget and remaining funds available.

Priority is given to organisations or individuals who have sought funding from other sources.

Applications

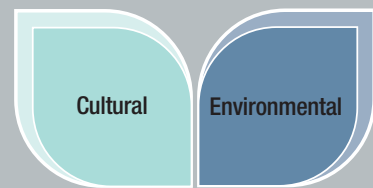
Applications forms are available online or can be picked up from any Selwyn library or service centre.

The Malvern Ward Committee meets on the fourth Monday of the month. Applications must be with the Accounts Officer (grants@selwyn.govt.nz) seven working days prior to the meeting.

The Springs and Ellesmere, and Selwyn Ward Committees meet each month directly following the Council meeting.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/discretionaryfund
or email grants@selwyn.govt.nz





Community History Fund

History is an important part of our community's identity. The fund will be used to support kaitiaki (guardians, conservators, and protectors) communities and community groups for various history projects.



Aim of the fund

The fund will be used to support kaitiaki (guardians, conservators, and protectors) communities and community groups to:

- Protect and promote Selwyn's history
- Provide Selwyn residents and visitors access to Selwyn's history
- Assist Selwyn residents and visitors learn about and better understand the unique stories and places which are Selwyn's Taonga
- Celebrate the unique stories and places which are Selwyn's Taonga

Who is eligible?

The fund is intended to support kaitiaki (guardians, conservators, and protectors), communities and community groups and their heritage activities, including but not limited to contributing towards operating costs.

Funding dates and figures

One funding round is held each year, opening in December and closing in April.

As an indication of the funding pool size: \$50,000 is generally available annually. Please contact staff to discuss the current year's budget and remaining funds available.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/communityhistoryfund
or email selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz



Community Stories

"The funding Selwyn District Council generously contributed enabled us to advertise the event through newspapers, posters and social media. As this was the first event of its kind here, we needed to promote it far and wide."

Gemma Murphy, Arthur's Pass Outdoor Education Centre Manager

"This funding will ensure the safe and successful delivery of StarJam's workshops, performances and community social events benefiting young people with disabilities who attend the Lincoln weekly workshops. It will also open opportunities for more workshops in the area."

Fiona Rouse, StarJam Grants Writer

"This funding has enabled us to secure the services of a very experienced programmes coordinator."

Shanon Cummings, Selwyn Hawks Programme Manager

"The funding has permitted us to keep going, as all the committee naturally volunteer their time and energy into creating these events. This has meant we can run these two events each year and bring more services to Selwyn and create more opportunities for our young adults."

Sandra Gilmour, Founder, Selwyn Launch Group



"For us the money is great because it takes some pressure off the athletes and volunteers to raise funds, because the majority of our athletes aren't able to fundraise for themselves and struggle to pay for anything other than the basics."

The fundraising for training sessions and national competitions is left up to a limited group of volunteers. The fact that the Council gave them the fund shows they value Special Olympics' athletes and volunteers living in Selwyn. It just shows that someone else cares. It's good to feel that you're not on your own sometimes."

Jeff Waters, Chairperson for Special Olympics Canterbury



Other Funding Sites

Generosity.org.nz

This website is available free of charge at any Selwyn library for library members.

It provides a comprehensive database of funding agencies, scholarships, grants and schemes available to community groups or individuals.

Generosity.org.nz database is available on subscription for those people that do not have a Selwyn library card.

Lottery Grants Board COGS/DIA

communitymatters.govt.nz

Rata Foundation

ratafoundation.org.nz

Environment Canterbury

ecan.govt.nz

For information on upcoming capacity building workshops for community groups visit selwyn.govt.nz/events

Contact

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/contactus

Email selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz



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Funds are subject to change as a result of Council decisions and reviews. Please contact staff for current information and advice.



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