The Mātauranga Māori Marae Ora Fund
Application Information Guide

Who can apply?
Funding is open to individual marae including urban marae, and entities (such as iwi, or Post Settlement Governance Entities) applying for funding on behalf of a collective of marae.

Exclusions: Marae-a-kura and marae-a-wānanga and any other Government-funded institution are deemed ineligible and will not be considered for investment.

What are examples of activities that can be applied for?
Examples of activities that can be funded include:
  • Commissioning mātauranga Māori conservation plans to assess the condition of wharenui.
  • Establishing or restoring harvest areas for cultural materials such as pā harakeke, toetoe and tōtara for future repair and maintenance of taonga on marae and retention of mātauranga practice.
  • Developing sustainable ways to store mātauranga on marae, such as establishing small whare taonga, archives, digital or audio recordings, or publications.
  • Preservation of taonga held permanently on the marae such as waka tiwai, hinaki, pounamu, memorial boards, korowai, photographs and Māori Land Court records.
  • Enabling marae communities to engage mātauranga Māori practitioners to design, develop and establish training programmes for whānau, hapū and iwi to learn and implement mātauranga Māori initiatives as part of the marae restoration programme.

How do we apply?
Applications should be submitted online. To make requests for funding, log into the Community Matters online grants and client management system at this web address:
www.communitymatters.govt.nz/log-in-here

If you need help with applying online, contact your local Department of Internal Affairs advisor.

Mātauranga Māori Marae Ora is a new contestable fund that offers $5.7 million over two years to support marae communities directly with projects that protect and revitalise mātauranga and taonga on marae.

It is one of 18 initiatives that sit under the $20 million Mātauranga Māori Te Awe Kōtuku Programme which is part of the Arts and Culture COVID Recovery Programme being led by Manatū Taonga.

What will the Fund support?
The Fund will support marae communities to protect their mātauranga and taonga from the impact and ongoing threat of COVID-19, and support the cultural revitalisation of marae as centres of Māori identity and mātauranga.

Requests must align with the Mātauranga Māori Marae Ora funding outcomes:
  a. Activities lead to greater retention, protection, revitalisation and transmission of mātauranga on the marae
  b. Traditional artform and hanga whare mātauranga and practices are retained, revitalised, and strengthened on the marae
  c. Sustainable care and protection of the marae's taonga and mātauranga is enhanced and developed
  d. Marae and the wider whānau are engaged and work together to progress marae cultural aspirations
When do applications close?

Funding applications can be submitted at any time when the Fund opens. Applications submitted in the three weeks before the recommendation panel meets will go forward to the following funding round.

If an application is received after a funding round closes, it will go forward to the following funding round.

Where can we get further information?

Contact your local Department of Internal Affairs regional office. Contact details are on the DIA Community Matters website: www.communitymatters.govt.nz/ask-us/regions

Web address: www.communitymatters.govt.nz/The-Matauranga-Maori-Marae-Ora-Fund
Free phone: 0800 824 824
Email: matauranga.maori@dia.govt.nz

The Mātauranga Māori Marae Ora Fund is a partnership between:

Privacy Note: The applications and supporting documentation will be uploaded to a Government database and so should have whānau support for any content (e.g. photos) included. Applications and supporting documents may be viewed by advisors and the Mātauranga Māori Marae Ora Recommendation Panel.

All information, applications and supporting documents that are uploaded as part of a request are subject to Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) requests. If we receive an OIA request for your information, you will be contacted before any of it is passed to the requestor.