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# Community Funding Support for Road Safety and Transport Sustainability

## Great News!

Are you involved in road safety schemes in your local area?

Are you passionate about sustainable travel?

We have funding available for community groups in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region to run road safety and/or transport sustainability activities.

“Transport sustainability” encompasses any programme which aims to:

- decrease car use; or
- increase the use of alternative transport modes such as:
  - ~ walking;
  - ~ cycling;
  - ~ ride-sharing; or
  - ~ using public transport.

“Road safety” in the Region relates to:

- intersection crashes;
- speed and driving too fast for the conditions;
- driver fatigue;
- alcohol; and
- crashes involving cyclists and pedestrians.

More details on your local road safety issues may be found in the New Zealand Transport Agency's local road safety issues reports and crash statistics which are available from [www.nztagovt.nz](http://www.nztagovt.nz).

## What type of activities will be funded?

The fund is aimed at addressing road safety and transport sustainability issues in our local community.

Your proposed activity must be consistent with the Regional Land Transport Strategy (available from [www.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.horizons.govt.nz)), the New Zealand Transport Strategy (available from [www.transport.govt.nz](http://www.transport.govt.nz)), and respond to regional and/or local transport issues and trends.

There are a number of issues which are common across New Zealand, and the New Zealand Transport Agency has developed standard programmes for these. These are:

- child restraint/rental/loan schemes;
- effective safety belt programme;
- community alcohol action programmes
- unlicensed driver assistance;
- effective intersection safety programme;
- early intervention for “at risk” drivers;
- effective speed management programme;

- DriveTime; encouraging increased practice time;
- neighbourhood accessibility plans; and
- travel behaviour change initiatives.

There are guidelines available for each of these programmes outlining how they must be delivered. These are available through your local road safety coordinator.

There may be local road safety or sustainability issues which are not covered by these programmes. If you have a programme or project which you believe will help either road safety or transport sustainability, your application must clearly show what the issue is and how your activity will benefit one of these areas. Some examples of possible activities include:

- local road safety campaigns to address an issue in the community, eg. pedestrian safety around a school;
- information seminars or training days to promote walking and cycling;
- cycle safety training days; or
- community events with a road safety or transport sustainability focus.

Funding cannot be used for road engineering, including signage and markings, acquiring vehicles, or acquiring large capital items such as computers or office furniture.

## Applying for the community fund

### The process

All applications must be on the official application form (available from [www.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.horizons.govt.nz)). Our road safety coordinators are happy to help you prepare your application. Please contact the road safety coordinator in your area to discuss the details of your project before proceeding with your application.

## Key dates

Applications close on 20 February 2009 at 5 pm.

You will be contacted by 31 March 2009 if your application has been accepted by Horizons Regional Council.

Final confirmation of funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency will be on 1 July 2009.

Your contract will be signed between yourself and Horizons Regional Council shortly after 1 July 2009.

## Your contribution

You will need to contribute 25% of the cost of your project from your community organisation or from other funding. However, this contribution may be made "in kind". This means that your organisation's own goods, resources and staff time used for your project may partly or fully account for this contribution.

## Road safety coordinator details

For further information and assistance with your application, contact your local road safety coordinator.

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