

GRANT PROGRAMME

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OBJECTIVES

The Wānaka A&P Foundation is committed to supporting positive impact in the Upper Clutha district. Through our grants, we invest in building leadership and capability and supporting the resilience and well-being of our rural sector.

We have two grant categories available:

CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT:

- Enabling individuals from the Upper Clutha region to develop capabilities necessary for leadership roles and driving innovation within rural communities.
- Fostering skills in agriculture, community leadership, sustainable practices, and future thinking.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT & WELL-BEING GRANT:

- Supporting community groups and initiatives in the Upper Clutha region contributing to rural development and well-being.
- Focus on projects and organisations that protect the environment, promote sustainable practices, enhance community infrastructure, and strengthen local economies.

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DETAILS

Applications will be open periodically throughout the year, subject to funding availability.

The initial round for applications will be:

Opening date: 1 July 2026

Closing date: 30 August 2026





ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for a Wānaka A&P Foundation grant, you must meet the following criteria:

CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

- Demonstrate a commitment to rural community development, leadership potential, and innovative thinking.
- Applicants should outline their proposed capability development plan and state the specific program or course they intend to enrol in for leadership development or capability building.
- A New Zealand citizen or resident residing within the Upper Clutha region for more than one year.
- Aged 16 years and over.
- A current Upper Clutha A&P Society member.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT & WELLBEING GRANT

- A not-for-profit community group or initiative with activities in the Upper Clutha region.
- Have projects or work programmes that align with the goals of environmental enhancement, sustainable and/or well-being practices, or rural economic enhancement.
- Be able to provide a detailed proposal for the organisation or project outlining objectives, implementation plan, expected outcomes, and rural community benefits.
- A current Upper Clutha A&P Society member must be the signing applicant.
- We are now accepting multi-year proposals for either projects or operational funding.

APPLICATION FORM

To complete this application, you will need to have some information prepared and ready to upload.

Personal information - please be clear on the reasons why you are applying for funding and support your application with any relevant achievements (e.g. certificates, awards and/or positions of responsibility).

Development details - details of the activity for which you are requesting funding (e.g. commencement date, costs, and project/activity details).

Additional costs - we may consider supporting travel and accommodation costs at our discretion. Please provide quotes for these costs if they are relevant to your application.

References - please provide one written reference and the contact details of one referee.

By applying for any grant, the applicant acknowledges that their name/business name will be made public and that they have no right to appeal against any decisions made by the Upper Clutha A&P Society Board, with the Board's decision being final.

Project image and description for promotional purposes. Please provide an image appropriate to this application of yourself / your business that may be used across Upper Clutha A&P Society and associated websites, social media and newsletters. Minimum 1MB resolution, landscape orientation. 50-100 word description of the project you're undertaking, and the proposed outcome.





FUNDING DETAILS

TYPE OF FUNDING

The Wānaka A&P Foundation is a monetary fund for the benefit of the individuals and groups of the Upper Clutha rural community. It aims to promote leadership and rural development. Applications are assessed and granted based on eligibility and strength.

FUNDING POLICY

The Upper Clutha A&P Society board will determine the quantum of funding available from time to time based on the financial affairs of the Society. The initial policy is that 50% of the previous financial year's earnings on investments will be available for the Foundation.

The funding available per application is up to \$5,000 for the Capability Development Grant and up to \$10,000 for the Rural Development and Wellbeing Grant.

There is no obligation to allocate any or all of the funds; this will be subject to the board's sole discretion. Unutilised funds may be carried forward from one year to the next.

APPROVAL PROCESS

Selection will be undertaken by the Upper Clutha A&P Society board.

APPLICATION DECISIONS

All decisions made in relation to applications are at the sole discretion of the Upper Clutha A&P Society board. Their decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into it.

The outcome of previous application decisions will have no relevance to subsequent applications.

NOTIFICATION

A representative of the Society will formally notify the successful and unsuccessful applicants within four weeks of the closing date.

PAYMENT AND USE

The Upper Clutha A&P Society will pay the service provider directly upon receipt of the provider's information or otherwise as agreed. The funds can be used for the approved leadership activity or rural development and wellbeing initiative submitted via the application process.

REPORTING

Successful applicants are required to report progress and outcomes to the Wānaka A&P Foundation. Written progress reports are requested within six months of receiving funding. In addition, some applicants may be asked to speak at annual Wānaka A&P events (e.g., the Wānaka A&P Show).

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