



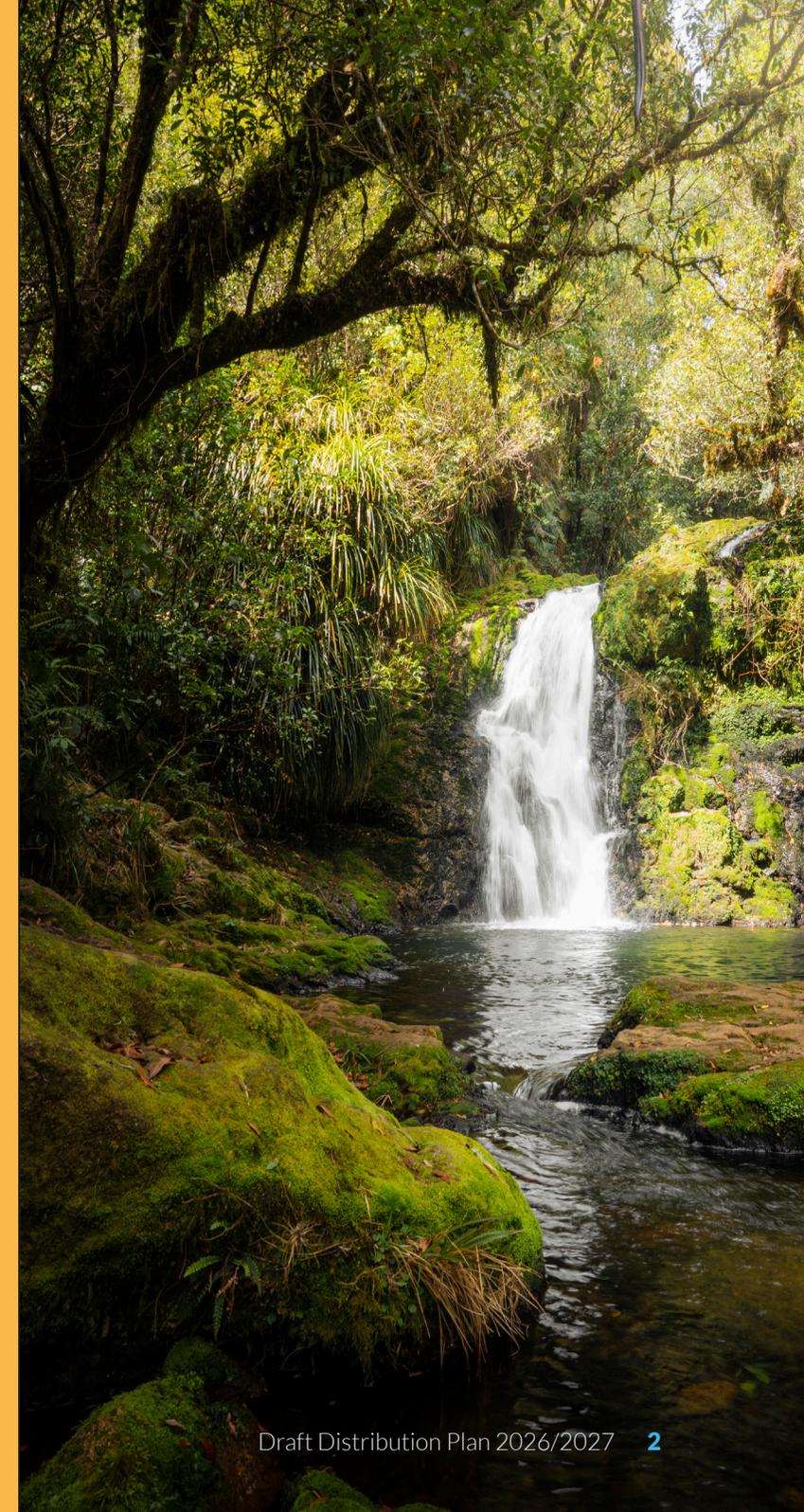
# Draft Annual Distribution Plan 2026/2027

Community Feedback



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# About Us

TECT Community Trust (TECT) is a community funder providing support for local initiatives, facilities and events that bring vibrancy, connectedness, growth and economic benefits to our region.

Our purpose is to make a significant impact on shaping the quality of life and wellbeing of current and future generations in the Western Bay of Plenty.

We envision a thriving, caring and connected community where we responsibly manage our investments and effectively distribute funds for the long-term benefit of our community.

Our funding approach is inclusive of all communities, and we prioritise support for those experiencing the highest need, as well as enabling future transformational projects which benefit everyone in our community.

In the 2024/2025 financial year, we granted \$12.9M to 226 community groups and initiatives.

TECT Trustees are elected by the community, and each serve a four year term. Every two years, three trustees retire and an election is held. The next election will be held in 2026.

Our work is guided by our Strategic Plan which includes five focus areas and five funds that allow us to empower our communities to shape a better today, and tomorrow.

*TECT Community Trust and TECT Consumer Trust are separate trusts. In 2022, the original trust was renamed TECT Consumer Trust, and a new trust, TECT Community Trust, was established to deliver benefits to the wider community.*

*This consultation is specific to the TECT Community Trust.*

# Our Strategic Focus Areas



## Housing Kāinga Āhuru

We believe everyone in our region should have access to warm, healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate housing.

To support this, we are focused on investing in initiatives that are community-led, and increase access to warm, healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate housing for communities experiencing the greatest barriers to secure housing.



## Priority Communities Ngā Hāpori Mātua

We will provide support to the communities in our region experiencing highest needs.

Our focus is on achieving outcomes for Māori, diverse ethnic communities, children and young people, and older people experiencing disadvantage.

We will fund initiatives that increase access to opportunities for priority communities, support priority communities to lead their own solutions, are strengths-based and enable community ambitions; and incorporate cultural knowledge or other practices relevant to priority communities.



## Natural Environment Toitū Te Taiao

We will invest in the protection and regeneration of our region's natural environment and biodiversity, and support initiatives that address the implications of climate change.

We will prioritise initiatives that achieve large scale transformational impact, bringing diverse stakeholders together and blending contemporary science with local knowledge, including mātauranga Māori, and are community-led and help to build community care of and connection with our environment.



## Built Environment Whaitua Hononga

We will invest in local and regional amenities and facilities that support community connectedness, increase access to opportunities to participate in community activities and enhance the wellbeing and vibrancy of our communities.

We will actively work with Councils in our region to support the development of amenities and facilities, as well as funding community-led projects.



## Community Wellbeing & Vibrancy Te Mauri me te Orangatanga

We want Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty to be vibrant places where people, families and communities thrive.

To support this, we will fund initiatives that promote social connection, inclusion and belonging, support whānau and community resilience, safety and wellbeing, enable participation in community activities, arts, culture, sports, recreation, build skills and provide opportunities for learning, and strengthen the impact and sustainability of community organisations.

# Our Funds

## Responsive Funds



### Community Facilities Fund

The Community Facilities Fund supports the development of facilities in the Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty region that provide benefits for current and future generations.

Funding will generally be directed towards the build of a permanent new facility or a significant upgrade of an existing facility. It may also include the purchase of an existing facility.



### Community Development Fund

The Community Development Fund supports projects and initiatives that contribute to Tauranga and Western Bay to be a vibrant region where people, families and communities thrive.

To support this, we will fund organisations that make a positive impact on our local communities across a range of sectors including arts, culture and heritage, education, environment, health and social services, youth development, iwi and marae, and sport and recreation.



### Community Events Fund

The Community Events Fund aims to support community events held in the Tauranga or Western Bay of Plenty region that provide social and economic benefits to the community.

TECT wishes to support a wide and varied portfolio of events and encourage event organisers to achieve and maintain events of exceptional quality.



### Catalyst for Change Fund

The intention of the Catalyst for Change Fund is to create significant positive change through support of innovative projects and practices.

The need in the community will be identified through community consultation and research (e.g. Vital Signs).

A key aspect of this Fund is that TECT will be committed to continually building relationships with other key stakeholders (including other funders).



### Facilities of Regional Significance Fund

TECT is interested in being a pro-active, collaborator in funding significant projects which will create a direct positive impact on the economic and social wellbeing of Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty region.

Projects may be significant in size/nature and will likely have intergenerational benefit, wide impact through improving social cohesion, enhancing community participation or are regionally significant.

## Strategic Funds (Invite Only)

# Have your say

Each year, we produce an Annual Distribution Plan that sets us on a path for the year ahead. Your feedback helps shape our decisions and ensures our funding reflects what matters most to our community. There are three key topics we want your feedback on, these are outlined on the following pages.

## What happens with my feedback?

All community feedback will be considered before decisions are finalised for the new financial year, starting 1 April 2026. You can speak to your submission in person at a meeting of TECT Trustees on Thursday 26 March 2026.

*Please be aware, all community feedback will be made available on the Trust's website [www.tect.org.nz](http://www.tect.org.nz) for the public to view (contact details of submitters will be removed).*

## How can I find out more?

If you'd like to learn more about TECT Community Trust, additional supporting documents are available on our website [www.tect.org.nz](http://www.tect.org.nz)



### Key Dates

<b>27 February 2026</b>	Accepting community feedback
<b>18 March 2026</b>	Feedback opportunity closes
<b>26 March 2026</b>	TECT Trustee Meeting to consider feedback TECT Community Trust adopts 2026/2027 Annual Distribution Plan

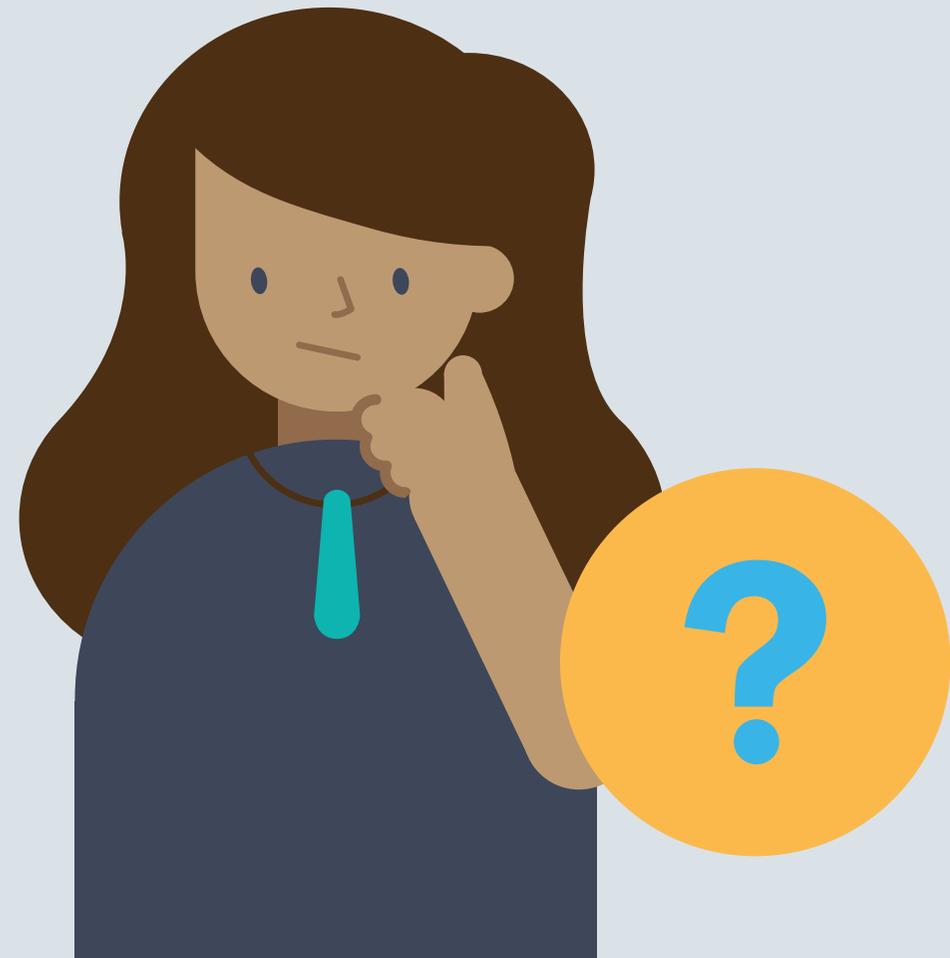
You can have your say in the following ways until **4:00pm Wednesday 18 March 2026**

<b>Visit</b>	<a href="http://www.tect.org.nz/draft-distribution-plan/">www.tect.org.nz/draft-distribution-plan/</a>
<b>Write to</b>	TECT, DX Box HP 40007, Tauranga
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:info@tect.org.nz">info@tect.org.nz</a>

# Key Topics

We're seeking your feedback on some key topics for our upcoming financial year.

1. Funding Framework
2. Proposed Annual Distribution Plan
3. Facilities of Regional Significance Grants
  - Badminton & Multisport Community Centre
  - Cancer Lodge



# Topic 1. Funding Framework

Our funding framework was set in 2022 and includes the percentage of the grants budget allocated to each of the five funds. The Trustees are considering changing the percentage allocations as shown below.

	Current Percentages	Proposed New Percentages
<b>Responsive Funds</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>
Community Facilities	12%	15%
Community Events	5%	5%
Community Development	23%	20%
<b>Strategic Funds (Invite only)</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>60%</b>
Facilities of Regional Significance	40%	45%
Catalyst for Change	20%	15%

We will maintain our minimum levels of funding that are available each year in the **Responsive Funds**. These are:

- Community Facilities \$4M
- Community Events \$1.2M
- Community Development \$5M

## Why are we making this change?

Our community is changing and so are its needs. By adjusting the allocations to our five funds, TECT can better support both major facility projects that deliver intergenerational benefit and grassroots initiatives that rely on responsive grants.

# Topic 2. Proposed Annual Distribution Plan

Each year, we set out how we plan to distribute funds for the coming financial year. The Trustees have proposed to distribute **\$39,323,714** in total across our five funds for the year ending 31 March 2027.

As in previous years, these funds are made available through our grants programme to benefit the local community.

## Proposed Plan

	Upcoming Year <i>ending 31 March 2027</i>	Previous Year
Communities Facilities	\$5,898,557	\$4,000,000
Community Events	\$1,966,186	\$1,200,000
Community Development	\$7,864,743	\$5,000,000
Facilities of Regional Significance	\$17,695,671	\$6,530,000
Catalyst for Change	\$5,898,557	\$1,400,000
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>\$39,323,714</b>	<b>\$18,130,000</b>

## Our Grants Programme

Responsive Funds		
	<b>Community Facilities</b>	
	Unused funds from last year	\$0
	Allocated funds for this year	\$5,898,557
<b>Total funds available</b>		<b>\$5,898,557</b>
	<b>Community Events</b>	
	Unused funds from last year	\$0
	Allocated funds for this year	\$1,966,186
<b>Total funds available</b>		<b>\$1,966,186</b>
	<b>Community Development</b>	
	Unused funds from last year	\$0
	Allocated funds for this year	\$7,864,743
<b>Total funds available</b>		<b>\$7,864,743</b>
Strategic Funds (Invite only)		
	<b>Facilities of Regional Significance</b>	
	Unused funds from last year	\$1,079,691
	Allocated funds for this year	\$17,695,671
<b>Total funds available</b>		<b>\$18,775,362</b>
	<b>Catalyst for Change</b>	
	Unused funds from last year	\$334,908
	Allocated funds for this year	\$5,898,557
<b>Total funds available</b>		<b>\$6,233,465</b>

# Topic 3.

## Facilities of Regional Significance Grants

Each year, we allocate a portion of our funds into our Facilities of Regional Significance Fund, shown in the proposed Annual Distribution Plan. This fund is one of TECT's two strategic funds and requires us to be pro-active in our planning, looking at the future needs of our community. These projects also see us work alongside other major funders, due to their scale and funds required.

This year, the Trustees are currently considering funding two regional facilities, and community input will play an important role in their decision making. That's why we invite your comments on TECT's funding of these projects.

*Examples of previous Facilities of Regional Significance we have funded.*



*Tertiary Campus*



*Bay Oval*



*Te Manawataki o Te Papa*

# Topic 3.A.

## Badminton & Multisport Community Centre

One of the projects we're considering supporting this year is a new purpose-built Badminton and Multisport Community Centre in Mount Maunganui.

Following the completion of a feasibility study and engagement with the sport sector and Tauranga City Council, Bay of Plenty Badminton have committed to developing the new Centre on Newton Street. The Badminton and Multisport Community Centre will help address the significant shortage of indoor courts in the region.

At an estimated cost of \$16 million, the Centre will provide:

- Eight dedicated badminton courts
- Two multi-purpose courts
- The ability to host national and international badminton events
- Organised sport and casual use by members
- A community-owned and operated centre

Tauranga City Council have committed funding of \$5M, and TECT is considering making a grant of \$5M to Bay of Plenty Badminton out of the Facilities of Regional Significance Fund. Our city needs help to grow in a healthy and sustainable way, and our financial contribution to this project could complete the cornerstone funding required for a successful fundraising campaign.

The project aligns strongly with TECT's strategy by supporting participation in sport and recreation, strengthening community wellbeing, and delivering a high-quality facility through partnership and co-investment.

More information can be found at [www.bopbadminton.co.nz/badminton-and-community-facility-project](http://www.bopbadminton.co.nz/badminton-and-community-facility-project)



# Topic 3.B.

## Cancer Lodge

The other project we're considering supporting this year is a new Cancer Lodge to be built in central Tauranga.

The rising need for support of those undergoing cancer treatment in our region, and the success of the Lions Cancer Lodge in Hamilton has led the Cancer Society Waikato/Bay of Plenty to undertake a project to build a Cancer Lodge in central Tauranga. The Lodge will support local people undergoing cancer treatment, and their carers through physical, emotional and practical support.

At an estimated cost of \$25-30 million, the Lodge will provide:

- 40 rooms / 80 beds
- Free accommodation, meals and a wide range of wrap around services
- A base for local staff and volunteers to provide services from
- Onsite services such as nursing, counselling, physiotherapy, massage therapy and exercise and nutritional guidance

The Cancer Society Waikato/Bay of Plenty are in the final stages of acquiring the land with an initial private donation of \$5M, and TECT is considering making a grant of \$5M to the Cancer Society out of the Facilities of Regional Significant Fund. The Lodge will be the only one of it's kind in our region and will reduce barriers for those with cancer being able to access treatment. A financial contribution from TECT will give the Society momentum with their fundraising campaign.

The project aligns strongly with TECT's strategy by delivering a regional facility that improves community wellbeing, supports equitable access to essential health services, and leverages partnership and co-investment.

