

Manaaki Grant Communications 2025

What is a Manaaki Grant?

The Ngāti Koata Trust Manaaki grant is a one-off, quick response financial assistance program for our most vulnerable whānau who are unable to find assistance elsewhere. Manaaki assistance may also be provided on a non-financial basis, such as kai, firewood, vouchers, etc. depending on availability and need.

The grant is intended to provide immediate financial support to vulnerable whānau until they can access other government and social agency support. It is not intended as an ongoing solution. The Trust Office will also assist applicants with links to other services wherever possible.

How can I apply for a Manaaki grant?

Please complete the Ngāti Koata Trust Manaaki grant application and submit it to the Trust Office by one of the following methods:

- Email: pa@ngatikoata.com
- Post: PO Box 1659, Nelson, 7040
- Personal delivery: 63 Trafalgar St, The Wood, Whakatū

Ensure that all required documentation is attached with your application.

Can I apply for the Manaaki grant on behalf of someone else?

Due to the level of detail required in the application process, in most cases, the person themselves must apply for the Manaaki grant. However, you may assist someone else in completing the application.

Who can apply for a Manaaki grant?

Anyone affiliated with Ngāti Koata through descent from a primary ancestor of Ngāti Koata, as defined in the Ngāti Koata Trust deed, can apply for the grant. Applicants must also be registered or whakapapa verified members of Ngāti Koata Trust.

What are the criteria to receive a Manaaki grant?

Each application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, focusing on those in greatest need. The key criteria considered include:

- Presence of tamariki or kaumātua in the household
- Loss of employment or income
- Access to basic supplies such as kai, medication, and hygiene products

The final decision will be based on individual circumstances.

When will I hear back?

The Manaaki grant is a fast-turnaround grant. We aim to notify you within 5 to 7 working days of receiving your completed application.

Will everyone who applies for a Manaaki grant get one?

No. The fund is limited, and the grant is intended to assist the most vulnerable. If we are unable to support your application, we will provide information on other ways you may access support.

How much is the Manaaki grant?

The Manaaki grant is a one-off payment of up to NZD400. However, the amount awarded will depend on the assessment of your individual situation. While you may apply for up to NZD400, the final amount granted will vary.

My situation means I need more financial assistance – can you help?

The Manaaki grant is intended to provide immediate assistance, but it is not a long-term solution. We will help connect you with other government and social agencies that may be able to assist with additional support.

My situation means I need other support – such as home help, shopping, or getting to the doctor?

We will do our best to connect you with whānau support, or with other government and social agencies that can help with other needs.

How will the grant be paid?

It depends on the situation, If it's a bill to pay it will be paid directly to the supplier or in the form of vouchers to the person who applied. We aim to process payments within 10 working days after a decision has been made.

Do I have to be living in New Zealand to get the Manaaki grant?

No, the Manaaki grant is available for all Ngāti Koata iwi, regardless of whether you live in New Zealand or overseas.

Use of Personal Information

To assess and process applications for the Manaaki grant, and to connect you with the appropriate services, we require your consent to release and use your personal information to our kaimahi and partner agencies, including other iwi, government organisations, and social agencies. We will use the information you provide to make decisions about the Manaaki grant and to help provide you with additional support.

If consent is not granted, we will be unable to process your application.