



**Secretary**  
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Tara Fifield  
Executive Assistant – Community Development  
Tasman District Council

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Dear Tara

**Re: Community Consultation Funding**

First, I would like to apologise for the “just in time” approach to this request for funding. My husband had surgery in Christchurch at the end of June, then following complications has been in Nelson Hospital for the last 3 weeks. He just got home yesterday.

I would like to apply for \$5000.00 on behalf of the Māpua and Districts Community Association.

We are formally constituted as an Incorporated Society (No 643286). All office bearers are publicly elected at our advertised Annual General meeting (this year to be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August). We hold monthly community meetings at the Māpua Community Hall (except January) that are attended by TDC councillors. During Covid19 restrictions we enabled the public meetings to be held via Zoom. We are currently trialling the use of Zoom within the public meetings to enable members of the community who are not able to attend the meeting in person to be part of the meeting.

In the past 12 months we have been using Mailchimp to send information out to our members that link to all relevant meeting documents that are also placed on the website. Meeting minutes are all available on our website [www.ourmapua.org](http://www.ourmapua.org). Our Executive also meets monthly (except December) to followed up on all issues and invite experts / TDC staff / other community groups to present at future meetings.

We work closely with our local ward councillors Christeen MacKenzie, Anne Turley and Dean McNamara and are in regular correspondence with most departments of the TDC. Our liaison and advocacy cover a wide range of remits that affect the Māpua and Districts Area.

I have attached a copy of our annual report that will be shared with members at the upcoming AGM.

The 2019/2020 accountability form has been returned to the TDC showing how last's year funding helped the Association function.

We are seeking \$5000.00 from the available Community Consultation Funding to contribute towards our 2 Honoraria positions as well as the ongoing work of the Exec that keeps the Association function and engaging with the community. The members who hold the Secretary and Social media positions on behalf of the Association donate a lot of time to ensure we complete all actions from Community meeting. They ensure that we communicate not only with our membership but also the wider community via our website and Facebook pages. This means we get great feedback on numerous topics that we can feed through to the TDC and other voluntary groups that we work alongside.

In the past 12 months the MDCA have successfully completed a Givealittle Fundraising campaign to install an additional AED in Ruby Bay. A subcommittee of the MDCA has been following up on the results from the "Community Well-being" survey. This month sees the start of a 6 month trial of Māpua Willing Wheels where volunteer drivers are linked to people who require transport to get to appointments. These are just 2 of the exciting areas we have been involved in I have attached a copy of our annual report that will be shared with members at the upcoming AGM with a lot more information

If you need any further information from our association in support of this application. Please do not hesitate to ask.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aileen". The script is cursive and fluid.

Aileen Connell  
**MDCA Treasurer**