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## **Masterton Trust Lands Trust offers community education grants**

Masterton Trust Lands Trust (MTLT) is offering grants to community and education organisations involved in providing local education programmes and opportunities.

The new community education fund is providing a total of \$125,000 in grants, with grants available up to \$15,000 each.

“The community education grants are available to a wider range of organisations than we have previously provided funding to,” said MTLT Education Committee Chair Christine Brewster.

“The aim of this approach is to broaden the scope of the education initiatives we support, and the potential benefits these can provide to individuals and the wider Masterton community.”

Grant applications are open to organisations offering education opportunities for people of all ages: pre-school, primary, secondary and tertiary-level students and adult learners. Mrs Brewster said the funding is available to support a wide range of education and training initiatives.

“Grants are available to support cultural, environmental and digital learning among other initiatives. The Trust also welcomes applications from organisations offering career-change or retraining opportunities to support locals on their vocational pathway.”

The grants are part of MTLT’s wider education grants programme. Last year, the Trust contributed over \$280,000 to support 28 individual education initiatives including leadership opportunities for students, school resources, academic and vocational scholarships, and student-led events.

“For almost 150 years, the Trust has been working to provide engaging education opportunities for learners and meaningful support for education providers across our community,” Mrs Brewster said.

More information and application forms are available on the Trust’s website: [www.mtl.org.nz](http://www.mtl.org.nz). Applications are open from this week and close on 31 August 2020.

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