

Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa is an activation fund that supports tamariki (5-11yrs) and rangatahi (12-18yrs), particularly those that are less active, to access quality play, active recreation and sport opportunities of their choice in their community or school and kura.

This is an oversubscribed and contestable fund so it is important that you really show the grant committee how Dirtskool will fulfil a need for your students that they could not otherwise easily access without Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa support.

<https://www.nukuora.org.nz/kaupapa-hapori-community-initiatives/tu-manawa-active-aotearoa-fund-1/tu-manawa-funding-streams>

Many of the application questions also allow you to upload additional information. Be creative to emphasise your need. We've heard of schools supporting their applications with short videos made by the students expressing their need / desire to access the activity that really helped their application.

Below we give some advice and examples to application questions. Please do not copy the examples directly, they are intended as inspiration.

2. Tell us about your organisation and what you do.

Example response

"We're a secondary school. Every year, we offer our junior students, years 9 and 10, a few days of Education Outside of The Classroom, or EOTC. For the past several years, we have offered Mountain Biking as a choice of activities. This is an excellent activity to allow students a chance to push their limits and to discover an easily accessible activity that they can enjoy, potentially for a lifetime. For the past two years, Dirtskool has helped to facilitate this activity in a couple of important ways, without which it would be difficult to pull off. Firstly, they have lent us their bikes. Most students do not have a mountain bike of their own. Secondly, they have instructed our students in basic riding technique. This latter service has been invaluable, dramatically improving our students' experience by giving them a few tools to make them more confident and safer riders as they begin their journeys in this sport."

7. What is the name of your initiative/activity/project?*

Name your project as you like, probably related to the goal of bringing your students to Dirtskool, perhaps something like

"Introducing X class/year to the positive healthy physical activity of Mountain Biking"

"Giving mountain biking a go"

"Get off the couch"

"Out on the Trails"

"12EOC get on your bike"

"Outdoor Ed Y11 goes to Dirtskool"

8. Tell us about the activity you plan to deliver in detail; what will you do, what do you hope to achieve, where will it occur, how many sessions will you deliver (and for how long) etc?*

Example responses

"We will be taking 3 classes of up to 26 students mountain biking in the Porirua Mountain Bike Park. We hope to be able to provide these students with proper mountain bikes and some basic riding training, both to be provided by Dirtskool. Each class will have 3 x full day (8:30am - 3pm) sessions with Dirtskool, allowing them to have a progressive experience that develops their confidence and skills. This would be 9 x full day sessions in total. This funding will ensure that each student has not only the appropriate gear to accomplish their goals, but also a safe and facilitated experience that develops their confidence and encourages continued participation in outdoor activities. We hope to encourage a lifelong love/appreciation for the outdoors, beginning with what is right on our doorstep."

"We will be taking up to twelve (12) students mountain biking in the Porirua and Wainuiomata Mountain Bike Parks. We hope to be able to provide these students with proper mountain bikes and some basic riding training, both to be provided by Dirtskool. Naenae College Junior EOTC takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 & 11 December of this year. However, I will be petitioning the school to allow us to take the kids out on Monday 9 December as well. Each day out will span the equivalent of a school day, from about 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, including travel. This will allow us a good 6 hours or so on the trails. We want our students to enjoy themselves. This funding will ensure that they have the proper gear and training they need to accomplish this."

Where will delivery of the programme take place? (Please enter an address or the name of a park/venue)

Dirtskool is delivered at the Wainuiomata Mountain Bike Trail Park, and/or the Porirua Mountain Bike Trail Park, unless otherwise organised.

9. How do you know that tamariki and rangatahi want the activity you are providing? (ie Who have you spoken to? What evidence or insights do you have?). (Note: Please include feedback directly from the tamariki and rangatahi you are targeting with this activity.)*

Nuku Ora have stressed the importance to us that applications must emphasise how requested funding will be applied to a real and actual need. From our perspective, Dirtskool was started to introduce **inactive, disengaged, and under-resourced** youth to a positive rewarding physical activity and introduce them to an activity in the wonderful great-outdoors. We suggest you emphasise these types of needs from the perspective of your students.

Example responses

“Outdoor Education is an increasingly popular subject choice for our students, largely because of the mountain biking component. During subject selection at the end of each year, each student mentions that they are really looking forward to trying mountain biking. It seems that for a large portion of our student body, mountain biking is seen as an inaccessible sport due to their perception of the high technical skill needed, and due to access to bikes. By engaging with Dirtskool, we can open opportunities and ideas to these students that removes whakama surrounding access and knowledge. We prioritise Year 11 students as this is the start of their senior outdoor education journey, and something they spend all of Year 10 looking forward to.”

“Every year, we get more students signing up for the MTB EOTC than we can take. We prioritise Year 10 students, since it will be the last year that they can do it. Students are quite forward with us about how much they enjoy the event, and Year 9 students who have taken part often approach me to ask, hopefully, if we will be running it again this year. There is already a lot of anticipation amongst our junior students for this event, leading up to when the EOTC choices are released.”

10. What barriers do participants face in accessing your opportunity? How will your proposal resolve those barriers?*

Example response

“As mentioned above, our biggest barriers are access to proper safe mountain bikes, limited riding experience, and appropriate activity leaders/instructors. We hope to address these problems with bikes and training from Dirtskool and their instructors, an organisation that is well-equipped with bikes and that has a very well-developed program teaching safe mountain biking.”

11. How many participants do you expect to be involved in your activity?*

This should refer to the total number of individuals across the duration of your activity/project. How many students do you plan to bring to Dirtskool.

12. Who will be involved in your activity?*

☒ Rangatahi (young people aged 12 - 18 years)

13. Is this a new, existing or modified / expanded project or programme? (can be more than one)*

This depends on your school's activities.

14. What are the proposed dates of your activity? Please consider that if you are successful it may take some time to put an agreement in place.*

We recommend you give broad dates, giving you flexibility to book sessions that work for your class(es) and are still available in our schedule. Check our booking sheet [here](#).

15. What setting/s will your project take place in? (can be more than one)*

- ☒ Secondary School / Wharekura or ☒ Primary Intermediate School / Kura
- ☒ Te Taiao / environment

If any part of the activity is to be delivered in schools or kura please advise when?*

- ☒ In class (curriculum) time - delivered by an external organisation
- ☒ Have both parties read and discussed the schools support document (school and provider)?
- ☒ Is there a shared understanding regarding goals, learning outcomes, roles and responsibilities?
- ☒ Are you confident the project will enhance the NZ Curriculum/Te Marautanga o Aotearoa but not replace the role of the teacher / kaiako?

There is a form required to be attached for **'Implementation In a School Setting'**
Please include these details in the 'External provider' section

External Provider

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Signature: *Simon Gilbert*

16. Is your activity provided in a kaupapa Māori context?*

- ☒ No

17. What do you hope to achieve with this project? (can be more than one)*

- ☒ Improve access to play, active recreation or sport opportunities
- ☒ Improve the skills (physical, social, or cultural) of participants
- ☒ Introduce less active tamariki and rangatahi to a new opportunity
- ☒ Strengthen social connections and sense of belonging

18. How will you know that you've achieved the aims of your project? (can be more than one)*

- ☒ Your judgement
- ☒ Participant feedback