

## GigCity Research Notes

### GigCity Community Fund

The GigCity Community Fund is available for community innovators exploring the use of Ultra Fast Broadband technologies aiming to enhance the development, experimentation and implementation of community, learning and workforce opportunities in Dunedin.

- Seems like it needs to utilize UFB technologies in some way to contribute to social good.
- funding is not available for the general day to day running costs of an organisation
- Projects that have measurable impact and demonstrate how emerging technologies are relevant in people's everyday lives.
- Initiatives that are of direct benefit to Dunedin City.
- Project concepts that are easily able to be picked up by other organisations.
- Projects that can be reasonably expected to be delivered within 12 months.

Chorus have engaged the Digital Community Trust to manage this fund on their behalf. The DCT's purposes, as contained in its Trust Deed, are to advance digital education and be beneficial to the community through:

- a. Delivering more digital content to the people of Otago and their visitors;
- b. Raising the level of knowledge, literacy and skills to use digital technology across community sectors;
- c. Increasing assurance that digital services are safe and reliable for Otago residents to fully embrace and participate in;
- d. Enabling connectivity to digital services and engaging with the community to understand digital needs for today and in the future;
- e. Completing any other activities consistent with these objectives and are charitable within the meaning of the Charities Act and the Trustees may decide on from time to time.

The Trustees are:

- John Gallaher (chair) – Investment Advisor, Forsyth Barr
- Mike Harte – Director of ITS, University of Otago
- Mike Horne – Partner, Deloitte Private
- Sarah Simmers – Partner, Anderson Lloyd
- Peter Hills – Director, Virtual Education Networks Ltd
- Mike Collins – Director, Learning Environment, Otago Polytechnic
- Jinty McTavish – Dunedin City Councillor
- Andrew Whiley – Dunedin City Councillor

A maximum of \$20,000 is available per project, although applications for greater amounts may be considered for projects in situations where:

A number of organisations have come together to develop a significant collaborative initiative. **OR** The project outcomes are likely to offer significant improvements, as determined by the Fund.

If you have any questions or want to discuss GigCity Dunedin, we would be happy to hear from you.  
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