

## Project Report COMMUNITY GRANT FUND - LOCAL

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At the completion of a project that received community funding, recipients are required, as stated in the Community Grant Policy, to submit a Project Report to the Community Board. Project Reports are to be received no later than two months after the completion of the project or if the activity is ongoing, within two months of the funding being spent.

Applicants who fail to provide a project report within the required time will not be considered for future funding.

**Please return the completed form to:** [funding@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@fndc.govt.nz) **PDF attachment via email is preferred) OR:**

Funding Advisor

Far North District Council Private

Bag 752

**KAIKOHE 0440**

Name of organisation:	Te Whakaora Tangata
Name & location of project:	Emotional Healing Workshops – Mobile Delivery (Hokianga)
<b>Date of project/activity:</b>	<b>January 2023- February 2024</b>

**Which Community Board did you receive funding from?**

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Te Hiku

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Kaikohe-Hokianga

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Bay of Islands-Whangaroa

<b>Amount received from the Community Fund:</b>	\$1,951
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<b>Board meeting date the grant was approved:</b>	November 2022
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**Please give details of how the money was spent:**

- *Your contribution to the project and the funding you received from the Community Board must be accounted for*
- *Attach supplier receipts or bank statements to show proof of expenditure of Community Board funds.*

Supplier/Description	\$amount	Receipt/s attached (please tick)
Nisbetts - Caterlite Water Boiler - 20Ltr x2	\$449.80	✓
Ideal Print – Tear Drop Flags x 2	\$729.50	✓
Ideal Print – Pull-Up Banners x 2	571.34	✓
Bunnings Warehouse – Trestle Tables x 2	\$200.36	✓
Total:	\$1,951.00	

**Give a brief description of the highlights of your project including numbers participating:**

For the past year and a half our Far North team (Cliffy and Indranee Reddy) have been working with leaders in the Hokianga community to prepare and equip them prior to delivery of a two-day Emotional Healing Workshop. Cliffy and Indranee travelled to Hokianga at least five times to hold workshops and wananga; They also hosted the leaders from Hokianga at our premises in Kaitaia. Cliffy and Indranee have been investing into the emotional wellbeing and resilience of these community leaders, mentoring them and helping them to get their own relationships and families stable. Six leaders attended one of our five-day Emotional Healing courses in July 2023, and seven leaders attended a two-day wananga on 1-2 February 2024.

The plan has been to prepare and equip these leaders to hold a community-wide workshop at Te Piiti Marae in Rawene. The community workshop kept getting delayed due to circumstances outside our control, although significant time and resources have been invested by our team.

In December, we received word that our key contact in Hokianga, who was organising/coordinating things on the Hokianga end, was leaving the district and moving to Australia to support his whānau over there.

There was no one else available in the area with capacity to pick up the responsibility of driving the Hokianga project at this time. Without having a full team ready to provide ongoing follow-up and support for workshop attendees, it would be irresponsible to go ahead due to the complexity of issues that are raised in the workshop.

We are continuing to invest into the Hokianga leaders. Seven leaders from Hokianga attended our leaders' wananga, held on 1-2 February, and three of those have been travelling to our fortnightly leadership development sessions. At those sessions, we provide a home-cooked meal and childcare for the attendees; we finish each session by 8pm, to allow those who are travelling time to get home to the Hokianga so it's not a late night.

We remain committed to supporting whānau in Hokianga as much as we can, but until we can find someone able to drive things at the Hokianga end, we have had to push pause on delivering the workshop.

We are hopeful that after the six-month leadership training programme is complete, we will be able to come and deliver Mobile workshops in Hokianga, confident that the leaders on the ground are doing well themselves and are well-prepared to support high-risk Hokianga whanau.

In the meantime, whānau from Hokianga have been invited to come to our next Emotional Healing course in Kaitiain March, which will be followed by a Free Woman event (Mobile delivery, Far North-wide) in July.

**Describe the main findings in your evaluation of the project/event; describe how your project/event benefited the community:**

The needs in the Hokianga community are complex, and need long-term solutions. Flying in and running a one-off workshop without having leaders prepared to carry on the work that is begun, would not deliver long-term benefit to the community.

Investing into the community leaders, developing deep relationships and credibility within the Hokianga community is crucial to seeing long-term benefit for high-risk whānau in Hokianga, otherwise it would be like pouring water into a bucket with holes in it. We are taking time and investing into "preparing the bucket".

The leaders we have been working with are all in a better place, emotionally and in their whānau/relationships, which will be of long-term benefit to the Hokianga community and is only the beginning of this work.

**Please provide details and attach or email photos and/or any marketing collateral that was produced for your event/project acknowledging the Community Board:**

We have attached our newsletters from 2023 acknowledging the support of the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board, along with some photos from our recent leadership training workshops.

**If you have a Facebook page that we can link to please give details:**

<https://www.facebook.com/tewhakaora>

**This report was completed by:**