

COMMUNITY CONTESTABLE FUND

LIANZA COMMUNITY CONTESTABLE FUND CRITERIA

We are very excited to announce the creation of a central fund administered for the benefit of LIANZA members. Our goal is to provide equitable access to funding and to support LIANZA community initiatives.

HOW HAS THE FUND BEEN ESTABLISHED?

The LIANZA Community Contestable Fund has been created using a proportion of accumulated LIANZA SIGs and Regions funding as at June 30, 2019. The fund has been established with the transfer of \$60,000 into a separate fund account.

From the 2020-21 financial year, the fund will be maintained sustainably by the addition of annual contributions made up of interest on the fund, 5% of LIANZA personal member and student member income (excl GST) and surpluses from budgeted LIANZA Communities.

INTERIM FIRST-YEAR FUND

LIANZA will jump start the fund with an additional amount of up to \$6,000 made available in 2019-20. The fund will grow in the second year as additional funds are contributed annually from interest, membership income and community surpluses. This interim year will enable fund criteria and availability to be communicated to members and also allow application and selection processes to be tested and refined.

WHAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE EACH YEAR?

An annual funding round will enable all LIANZA communities to apply for funds. From the second year of the fund the maximum disbursement annually will be no greater than 70% of the annual contributions (incl interest) added to the fund during the previous income year. This will ensure that funds continue to be available into the future.

If annual contributions are \$10,000, then \$7,000 would be available for applications in the following financial year, and \$3,000 would be added to the fund.

The total available will be reviewed periodically to ensure the fund is providing maximum benefit to members. This fund is also used to provide six LIANZA regional community conference grants in each conference year, starting from the #LIANZA19 conference.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR FUNDS?

All LIANZA regional communities and special interest communities are eligible to apply for the LIANZA Community Contestable Fund. LIANZA communities can opt to seek ideas or initiatives from LIANZA personal and institutional members who are part of their community and prioritise applications submitted for consideration.

The fund is also available to LIANZA communities working in partnership to launch an initiative and to LIANZA communities working in partnership with other GLAM sector organisations who can provide matched funding. The fund cannot be used to fund LIANZA national initiatives.

CAN I APPLY AS AN INDIVIDUAL?

If you have an idea for an initiative that meets the eligibility criteria below, then approach your LIANZA regional community or special interest community and see if they support your idea. You can find contacts for these LIANZA Communities at <https://lianza.org.nz/lianza-communities/> or ask LIANZA Office to put you in touch.

WHAT CAN FUNDS BE USED FOR?

The purpose of the contestable fund is to provide funding support for research, advocacy, community projects and new initiatives.

Eligible for contestable funding	Not eligible for contestable funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Research relevant to LIANZA incl joint summer research proposals with universitiesInitiatives that will provide or produce resource(s), tools and knowledge to support LIANZA and its membersCommunity projects that publicly recognise LIANZA as a funderInitiatives that demonstrate value or benefit for one or more LIANZA regional or special interest communitiesProjects that seek funding for one or more yearsProposals that are future focused e.g. use of new technologies or strategiesInitiatives that build new partnerships with other sectorsInitiatives that expand current thinking about the role of librariesInitiatives that build connections with communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Professional development of an individual LIANZA memberProjects that only benefit one library, library service or organisationProjects that are eligible for funding from existing LIANZA Grants and AwardsRequests to subsidise LIANZA community event incomeFunds to support research towards a university degree

SELECTION CRITERIA

The fund will seek to fund initiatives that;

- are innovative and provide opportunities that have the potential to make a difference for New Zealand Aotearoa
- contribute to the LIANZA vision, mission and strategic goals
- demonstrate how the LIANZA community will benefit from the knowledge, information and connections generated
- show how evidence will be generated and evaluated
- demonstrate how partnerships with other groups or people will be used to change or enhance the initiative.

APPLICATIONS

If you have an idea for an initiative that your LIANZA regional or special interest community could bid for, get in touch with them asap.

All applications should be submitted to LIANZA Office on the LIANZA Community Contestable Fund Application Form and send to office@lianza.org.nz by Tuesday September 24, 2019.

SELECTION PROCESS

The contestable fund applications will be assessed by a selection panel of at least seven people, made up of representatives from LIANZA regional and special interest communities and LIANZA Council. The panel may decide to not to award funds if they consider that no applications fully meet the criteria.

The panel will submit a report with their recommendations, which will be approved by LIANZA Council. Successful candidates will be advised by Friday October 18 and announced at #LIANZA19 Conference.

The successful recipients or LIANZA community representatives will be expected to participate in any LIANZA publicity about the funds received and to share learning with the LIANZA community including submitting a short article for Library Life, a blog piece for Libraries Aotearoa and/or a research article for NZLIM Journal about their experience and learning.