

**Applications from groups that are operating nationally**

You will have all received applications from groups that are offering workshops or performances nationally eg Connected Media. Applicants do not have to be based in your district or city however groups/organisations do have to be New Zealand-based and individuals do have to be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.

These visiting groups can sometimes offer your community important skills or new experiences that might not otherwise be available, however they can also sometimes be well written applications that may not be well matched to your community. Here are some questions your committee might consider that should help the decision making.

- Is this application for a repeat project? What were the results in the project completion report? Were these stronger or weaker than anticipated?
- If the results of previous projects were weaker than anticipated has the group explained how they will improve the project?
- Have any local partnerships/arrangements (eg with other groups, schools or venues) been confirmed? If not, does your committee consider that there may be any issues with this?
- If the project is new to your district does the application include evidence of the success of the project from other districts?

As the administrator you may need to request additional information to support your committee in their decision making. Remember, if key information is missing, a committee can choose to fund the project but make the release of the funds dependent upon the applicant supplying additional information for approval eg confirmation with schools

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