



**Media Information**

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## **Community groups invited to apply for grants**

Masterton community groups have until the end of May to apply for grants from the Masterton Trust Lands Trust under the trust's annual community grants round.

Lands Trust chairman, Alan Sadler, said although education was the main focus of the grants programme, community grants were a way for an even wider section of the Masterton community to benefit from the trust's activities. "There is an enormous amount of work done by the many non-profit and voluntary groups in Masterton and we look forward to contributing to this again," said Mr Sadler.

Last year the trust distributed more than \$188,000 to Masterton community groups and Mr Sadler said a similar amount was available this year.

Community groups operating within the trust district have until 31 May 2010 to apply. Application forms are available from the trust offices or can be downloaded from [www.mtlit.ac.nz](http://www.mtlit.ac.nz).

The Masterton Trust Lands Trust is a 137-year-old public lands trust formed to own and manage surplus land not sold to Masterton's working class settlers. The original 165-pound value of the trust's land has now grown into an asset base of more than \$52 million.

Income from the Trust's land rentals is distributed in the form of grants to assist educational, cultural and community activities within Masterton. This concept has played a key role in the evolution of the town since 1871 and continues to do so today.

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