

Community Education Fund

Māori Electoral Option

Application Form

Please [confirm your eligibility](#) for this fund before starting this application.

Please send all application documents to cef@elections.govt.nz by **midnight, Monday 11 May 2026**.

Part 1

Contact
information

**Please write
clearly using a
blue or black
pen**

Organisation name

Organisation physical
address

Organisation phone
number

Email address for
communicating with the
Electoral Commission

Name of person
submitting application

Role of person
submitting application

Part 2

About your
organisation

Please tell us about your organisation's kaupapa or mission. What do you do?

Where does your organisation primarily operate?

What kind of legal entity is your organisation? For example, Registered Charity, rūnanga, charitable trust, incorporated society, etc.

Please provide your Charities number, incorporated society number, or other identifier.

Part 5
Additional
information

Please provide
additional
information.

What barriers to your community’s understanding of the Māori Electoral Option and the roll choice for Māori? How will this community enrolment education project help?

Please tell us about your relationships with the Māori communities you will serve in this project. How have you served them in the past?

Please tell us how you will deliver the following key Electoral Commission messages to your communities.

The Māori Electoral Option - Te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori - is a unique choice for Māori in Aotearoa. It lets you choose which electoral roll you’re on: Māori roll or general roll.

Your roll choice decides which electorate you vote in, and the candidates you choose from.

If you are Māori, you choose which electoral roll you want to be on when you first enrol to vote.

If you’re already enrolled, you can change your roll type at any time, except:

- in the 3 months before a general election
- in the 3 months before the local elections which are held every 3 years
- before a parliamentary by-election if the change would move you into the electorate where the by-election is being held

If you would like to change the roll you’re on before this year’s election, you need to do it by midnight, Thursday 6 August.

Make sure you are enrolled early, by 4 October 2026.

Part 5
Additional
information

Continued.

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Please tell us how you will manage and maintain political neutrality in the delivery of your project. See here for more guidance: elections.nz/getting-involved/community-education-fund/political-neutrality

Please tell us how you will securely collect, manage, store and transfer sensitive enrolment data information. See here for more guidance: elections.nz/getting-involved/community-education-fund/requirements-for-handling-personal-information

Please tell us how you will manage any potential, actual or perceived conflicts of interest associated with this project. If you have not identified any conflicts of interest for this project, please write N/A. See here for more guidance: elections.nz/getting-involved/community-education-fund/conflicts-of-interest

Will any other sources of funding be used for this project?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your project?

Part 6

Supporting documents

Please provide, in addition to this application, the following documents.

- A project plan using the provided template that includes:
 - A list of project milestones
 - A project timeline
 - A project budget (please also include quotes for any capital expense items over \$100)
 - A project risk register
- Your organisation's financial reporting. This can be:
 - Your Charities financial reporting
 - Audited financial statements
 - A signed letter from your accountant detailing your financial position
- Proof of your organisation's bank account. This can be a picture or a screenshot, and should include the bank's logo, the account number, and the name of your organisation.
- A completed [Eligibility Questionnaire](#)

Please send all documents to cef@elections.govt.nz by midnight on Monday 11 May 2026.

Part 7

Sign and return

I confirm that I have permission to submit this application on behalf of my organisation.

Signature

Date [dd/mm/yyyy]

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Name

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