

Meeting Notes from Tautoko Network Meeting

September 2021

Fit for Funding

Thanks to all those who attended yesterday's 'Fit for Funding' session facilitated by Liz Stephenson from DIA. Liz reminded us all to check out the resources available on the DIA website, Community Matters (<https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/>).

So, what are the funders looking for? Liz told us to think about what difference your organisation is making, think strategically ... organisations should have a Strategic Plan and an Annual Plan so that funders can see where the project to be funded 'sits'. Build on what is happening. Tell the stories. The stories are important.

Funding for Outcomes

- DIA uses an outcomes approach, to focus on funding the **community outcomes or benefits** that will be achieved through the grant
- We want to know:
 - who will benefit
 - what outcomes you expect to achieve as a result of what you do
 - how you will know what you've achieved or what difference you've made

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If you haven't got a strategic plan, contact [Liz](mailto:liz.stephenson@dia.govt.nz) at DIA (liz.stephenson@dia.govt.nz) - she is able to facilitate a three hour strategic planning workshop for your organisation. *"You need to agree where you are going and how you will get there."*

Fit for the Future

- Have you recently held a community visioning/ consultation for your service/s
- How are you engaging with people who can't access face-to-face?
- Have you a communication social media strategy? Does it include digital access? Facebook? Website?
- Do you plan for IT hardware and software upgrades?
- Do you understand basic technology concepts and have the confidence to ask the right questions of vendors and consultants ?
- Do you understand technology language and what it means?
- Do you have a technology strategy ?
- Do you have a board member with IT skills?

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