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OVERVIEW / FAKALŪKUFUA

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WHO CAN APPLY / KO HAI 'OKU MALAVA KE FAKAHŪ HA TOHI KOLE TOKONI

The Tupulaki Community Grants program (the program) is available on a not-for-profit basis to community groups, local NGOs and other entities conducting development activities in Tonga. International organisations and National Government Ministries are not eligible to apply. If a community organisation has received Direct Aid Program funding before and did not successfully complete the activity, they cannot re-apply.

Ko e Polokalama Tokoni ki he Tupulaki 'a e komiuniti 'oku fakataumu'a ki he ngaahi kulupu/kautaha 'ikai taumu'a ki he fakatupu pa'anga, ngaahi kautaha 'ikai fakapule'anga 'i Tonga, moha ngaahi kulupu ngāue langa fakalakalaka pe 'i Tonga. 'Oku 'IKAI 'ataa 'ae tokoni koeni ke tohi kole mai kiai 'ae ngaahi kautaha fakavaha'a pule'anga, pehee ki he ngaahi potungāue 'a e pule'anga. Kapau na'e 'osi ma'u faingamālie kimu'a ha kautaha mei he Polokalama Tokoni koeni pea 'ikai kakato 'a e ngāue na'e fakataumu'a ki ai 'a e tokoni, 'e 'ikai ke nau toe lava 'o tohi kole mai ki he polokalama ni.

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Activities that are primarily aimed at achieving practical and tangible outcomes of high development impact are eligible to apply. We favorably consider projects:

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- where applicants and communities make a significant co-contribution to the project;
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- that have a letter of support from relevant government representatives or community leader.

Organisations must have a focal point and an active bank account who can provide progress reports and financial acquittals to the High Commission. Your application must have a clear budget. Projects must have a timeframe of one year or less.

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- ‘oku fakahoko ‘i he ngaahi ‘otu motu ‘i Tonga;
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ngaahi pale pa’anga, ngaahi polokalama fakamo’ua iiki, pe ngaahi nō pa’anga
- commercial ventures
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- improvements to an individual’s house/land or purchase of major assets for individuals
fakalelei’i ‘o ha ‘api nofo’anga fakataautaha/konga kelekele pe fakatau ‘o ha ngaahi koloa lalahi fakataautaha
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