

The Buller District Council has committed to supporting community-lead volunteer revitalisation projects across the district for the next three years with the provision of a \$150,000 p.a. fund. The grants will be administered by the Community Services Officer, who meets with the Grants Committee for an annual grant round meeting where all decisions are made.

Applications	Applications are invited from community groups representing their geographical area for the purpose of Revitalisation in the Buller district. All applications must be on the relevant application form, and should include appropriate copies of audited financial information on the applicant organisation.
Criteria	<p>The Volunteer Revitalisation Fund distributes grants for proposals that meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Projects are to be coordinated by generic community groups, clubs or associations. · The funds must be used for materials and services. · It is expected that the project work will be done by volunteers overseen by the community group. · Where a revitalisation master plan exists, the proposals must align with the overall vision. Please consult with Council for further information. · Projects on Council land will be given highest priority. However, applications will be considered on merit if written permission from the landowner is provided. · Grants will not be made retrospectively.
Funds available	The total value available annually is \$150,000. This will be distributed across the district.
Closing Date	The closing date for applications will be February 2019, with decisions made by March 2019.
Payment	Once granted, payment will be deposited into your nominated bank account. Please provide this on your application form. All funds must be spent within 6 months. All unexpended funds must be returned to Council on completion of your project
Accountability	An accountability form will be sent to your community group/organization. This must be returned to Council at completion of your project. If an accountability statement is not submitted, all future applications from that group will be deemed ineligible until the statement is received. Council may request further information in regard to accountability from time to time.
Forms	All forms are available from the Buller District Council Offices in Westport and Reefton, Website www.bullerdc.govt.nz or by contacting the Customer Services Team at the Westport Office on (03) 788 9111.
Further Assistance	For further assistance with filling in the application form please contact our Community Services Officer.