



Guide to Support Education Applications to the TET in 2026

Dear School Applicants,

Thank you for considering TET funding to support initiatives within your school. To help ensure that grant applications align with our purpose and priorities, we've provided the following guidance to assist you in preparing your application.

Our goal is to allocate grant funding strategically, prioritising initiatives that have the greatest potential to enhance educational outcomes and address the unique needs of your students and school community. This approach is designed to support:

- Impactful projects directly linked to positive student growth and experience
- Improved educational outcomes
- Initiatives and projects that align with your school's long-term objectives and priorities

We encourage you to propose projects that offer unique solutions or fill specific gaps in resources, facilities, or services within your school. This could include pilot programs, acquiring specialised equipment or technology, developing new facilities that go beyond what can be funded by the Ministry of Education, or supporting initiatives targeting underserved student populations.

We seek applications that clearly demonstrate the potential for a positive, lasting impact. It is essential that your project emphasises sustainability, ensuring the benefits of our funding extend beyond the initial grant period.

2026 Funding Allocation

Schools may apply for one of the following funding options:

- **One grant of up to \$80,000** (available once every 3 years per applicant)
- **One grant of up to \$30,000** (two grants available in 2026)
- **One grant of less than \$30,000** (combined pool of \$70,000 available for distribution)

This updated allocation is designed to support larger, more impactful projects that contribute directly to student growth and achievement.

TET commits investment of up to \$350,000 annually in education within our region, which also supports scholarships and other ongoing educational programmes.

Key areas to focus your applications on

- **Project Description and Impact:**
Clearly articulate your proposed initiatives, objectives, and intended impact on your target student population. Highlight how your project will directly support student growth, experience, and achievement.

- **Needs Assessment:**
Provide evidence supporting your project, including relevant data that identifies specific learning needs and achievement gaps within your school community.
- **Project Activities:**
Outline the key activities, timelines, and deliverables of your project, and describe how these will contribute to student growth, achievement, and improved learning environments.
- **Facility Development:**
Where applications are being made to support facility development, they should address needs beyond what is funded by the Ministry of Education. This includes meeting local student needs, enhancing academic opportunities, and improving student participation and learning outcomes. The facilities must be designed to benefit students exclusively and cannot serve staff or adults. This ensures that the funds are used to directly improve the educational experience and opportunities for students.
- **Sustainability Plan:**
Describe your plan for sustaining the benefits of your initiative beyond the grant period to ensure long-term impact.
- **Demonstration of Success:**
Outline how success will be measured and what specific outcomes will demonstrate the effectiveness of your project.
- **Alignment with Strategic and/or Annual Plans:**
Demonstrate how your initiative aligns with your school's planned activities and overarching strategic goals, particularly those aimed at addressing student needs.

We hope this guidance helps you with your application and ensures that grants are aligned with your school's strategic objectives. Our aim is to achieve a positive, lasting impact on students' experiences, growth, and achievements.

Should you require any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at taret@xtra.co.nz.

Applications for 2026 are now open and will close at **12 October 2026**. Outcomes will be released in late November 2026.

To apply, please go to our grants system: <https://tet.fluxx.io/> and apply through the Education portal. First, you must register as a user. You will receive confirmation of this once approved. This will then permit you to enter the Fluxx system. Select "Apply for funding" and then "Apply Now" under the Education Grant Application. To reiterate, should you have any queries please email taret@xtra.co.nz.

Warm regards,
Your TET Trustees