

Netsafe's Online Safety Partnership Grant

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PURPOSE

Netsafe's Online Safety Partnership Grant has been established together with the Ministry of Justice. The purpose of the Netsafe Partnership Grant is to provide financial support for research, projects and services for initiatives that relate to harmful digital communications and help New Zealand internet users have a better online experience. This includes supporting initiatives that:

Deter, prevent and mitigate harm caused to individuals by digital communications; and

Deliver greater online safety awareness and/or help people minimise their own online risks and harm.

The Grant has approximately \$350,000 to distribute each financial year. Successful applicants will need to match Netsafe's contribution either financially or with in-kind support.

This document establishes the high level framework by which Netsafe will provide funding to applicants.

OBJECTIVES & SCOPE

Netsafe is looking to fund ideas that:

- Foster innovation and new ideas that aim to prevent and deter the impact of online bullying, harassment, revenge porn and other forms of abuse and intimidation; and
- Assist in enhancing and extending the reach and effectiveness of existing initiatives.

Netsafe will not fund:

- Retrospective grants;
- Political organisations;
- Fundraising dinners or events;
- Capital building projects;
- Debt reduction requests; and
- Property rental or lease payments.

PROCESS

Netsafe will maintain the partnership fund by taking the steps outlined below:

- Netsafe will maintain an Online Safety Partnership Grant Committee. It will be comprised of Chief Executive Office, Director of Partnerships, a Netsafe board member and one community member. The Grant Committee will consult with other Netsafe team members as required.
- The Committee will meet twice yearly to review all applications and to decide on which applications to fund.
- Netsafe will develop financial controls and contracts to protect Netsafe and successful applicants. Netsafe will also develop a payment schedule for each initiative.
- Successful applicants must sign a contract before any funds are paid. The terms of the contract will be enforced without exception by Netsafe.
- Committee members will disclose any conflicts of interest – real or perceived – that arise in determining grants.
- Recipients who have received two grants over the previous two financial years may be excluded from this grant scheme, by decision of Netsafe's Online Safety Partnership Grant.
- Netsafe will publish the names of all individuals/organisations that receive grants and requires a completion report.
- Netsafe will publish a summary of all initiatives in Netsafe's Annual Report.

AMOUNT AND TIMING

The grants are for a maximum amount of \$50,000 per round. Applicants must match Netsafe's contribution either financially or by in-kind support. In-kind contributions must be related to the initiative and demonstrably valued including staff time allocated to the initiative or ICT resource allocation. Netsafe may ask for evidence of the value of in-kind contributions.

Recipients will be given six months to execute their ideas and report on them. Any unspent funds will be returned to Netsafe except where an extension has been sought and approved by Netsafe's Online Safety Partnership Grant.

NETSAFE'S GRANT APPLICATION ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Netsafe's Online Safety Partnership Grant committee will assess the outcomes and potential of the initiative based on the following criteria:

- Priority is given to organisations/individuals located in New Zealand;
- The initiative integrates the key principals of the Treaty of Waitangi including partnerships and participation;
- The initiative promotes the positive use of technology;
- The initiative helps people understand the steps they can take to manage and reduce the risk of harm from harmful digital communication; and
- The initiative benefits New Zealand internet users.
- The degree to which the initiative shows significant innovation in its approach to assisting individuals dealing with online harm and/or adds to the corpus of research around harm reduction online

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Funding is available to people, groups or organisations who meet the criteria for Netsafe's Online Safety Partnership Grant.

Applications will be considered by Netsafe's Online Safety Partnership Grant Committee on a six - monthly basis. All applicants whether successful or not will be notified in writing of Netsafe's decision.

Successful applicants will receive funding in line with Netsafe's funding timetable. Application forms and supporting material will not be returned.

An application to Netsafe's Online Safety Partnership Grant constitutes acceptance of the grants terms and conditions.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Organisations or individuals seeking support through Netsafe's Online Safety Partnership Grant should carefully review Netsafe's terms and conditions before submitting an application.

All applications must be made online, using the forms provided by Netsafe.

All applications should clearly articulate how their initiative relates to harmful digital communications as defined by the Harmful Digital Communications Act; (<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2015/0063/latest/whole.html>)

Grant applications for research funding.

Proposals for research are welcome and have been successful in previous rounds of the grant. However, there is no specific grant allocation for research projects. Currently, research proposals are assessed alongside all other types of application against the same broad criteria. However, research projects differ from other types of projects in important ways. In recognition of this, additional guiding information has been created for researchers wishing to apply for a grant. You can access it [here](#). All applicants for research funding must read this document.

Funding overview

Your funding application must be able to articulate the following points;

- What is the funding for? *Tell us about your initiative including what you want to achieve and how you plan to measure and communicate the results. The more details you provide the better we'll be able to assess your initiative*
- Who will benefit from the project/initiative? *Tell us about how many people will benefit from the work.*
- How will the project/initiative help to reduce harmful digital communications, or reduce the harm caused by harmful digital communications? *Outline how you think the initiative will prevent or reduce the impact of online bullying, harassment, revenge porn and other forms of abuse and intimidation.*
- How will the project/initiative promote the positive use of digital technology?
- Why do you think the project/initiative is innovative?
- How will funding help you deliver this initiative? *Provide an overview of how the funding will be used*
- What impact will the funding have on you/your organisation? *Outline how the funding will allow you to meet your objectives*
- How will you/your organisation be matching Netsafe's funding? *We need a breakdown of how you will match the funding you've asked for and whether you've requested funding from other sources*
- What is the timeline for your initiative? *What are the key dates for your initiative and when do you expect to implement it by? If this is an existing initiative, please provide details of its history*

- How will the project/initiative integrate the key principles of the Treaty of Waitangi?

Supporting information

Organisations must provide:

- The latest audited accounts and annual reports (where applicable);

Legal documentation

Individuals must provide:

- Evidence of their identity

Incorporated Societies must provide:

- Certificate of Incorporation number

Charitable Trusts or Registered Charities must provide:

- Certificate of Incorporation number; and
- Charities Registration Number

Schools must provide:

- A letter of endorsement from the Principal on school letterhead

Other organisations must provide:

- Evidence of their legal status

Groups that do not have a legal status must provide:

- Evidence of current affiliation to an organisation that has a legal status