Many of us in towns and cities want to live in vibrant neighbourhoods, where we can easily get to work, and access shops and services. We want to feel safe and comfortable moving around, in ways that are good for our health and take care of the planet.

The Innovating Streets for People pilot fund supports projects that transition streets to be safer and more liveable by building sector capability in ‘tactical urbanism’.

The fund offers at least $7 million in 2020/21 to co-fund projects from councils (with a 90% Funding Assistance Rate) so they can test out transitional street changes that support great quality of life and reduce the dominance and dependency on private vehicles in our towns and cities.

Tactical urbanism projects designed as part of a Covid-19 response package can be considered immediately, on a case by case basis. This involves projects that could be delivered in a short time frame to support social distancing on footpaths and cycle lanes, and the temporary use of streets for physical activity.

The fund will help to increase the pace of change across the country and support safety, social and environmental outcomes outlined in the government’s road safety strategy - Road to Zero - and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency’s mode shift plan - Keeping cities moving. We can help to solve these difficult challenges through innovation and ingenuity.

The fund is administered by Waka Kotahi via the National Land Transport Fund.

Applying to the Innovating Streets for People pilot fund

To be successful, applicants must demonstrate how their project:

- fits with the Innovating Streets and council plan objectives
- can be implemented by 30 June 2021
- demonstrates good value for money
- is testing something that can help accelerate future permanent changes

Detailed criteria is available at www.nzta.govt.nz/innovating-streets
WHAT WE’RE LOOKING FOR
Projects using tactical urbanism techniques such as pilots, pop-ups and interim treatments that make it safer or easier for people to move around or access community spaces. This could be anything from pop-up community-led street events to piloting a new walking or cycling facility, to a low-traffic neighbourhood to reallocating more street space for people to connect with each other. It could also include emergency bike lanes or footpath expansions to make more space for people.

We don’t want projects that create more space for cars, or any that are permanent in nature.

HOW MUCH CAN BE APPLIED FOR?
There is a maximum of $1 million for projects although we expect most projects to be significantly less than this.

WHO CAN APPLY?
The fund is open to all councils that are approved to receive funding from the National Land Transport Fund. You must be an approved organisation in Transport Information Online (TIO).

HOW DO I APPLY?
• Read more at www.nzta.govt.nz/innovating-streets
• Fill in a simple application form
• Submit your application form with any supporting material

WHEN DOES THE FUND OPEN AND CLOSE?
There will be two rounds of applications for the fund. The first round closes on Friday 8 May. The second round opens on Monday 8 June and closes on Wednesday 8 July.

FIND OUT MORE
Visit the Waka Kotahi website: www.nzta.govt.nz/innovating-streets
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