Social Investment Agency
Toi Hau Tāngata

Social Investment Fund

New Investment Round One Registration of Interest form preview

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Before you complete the registration of interest

Before you start the Registration of Interest (ROI) for Round One of the New Investment pathway we strongly recommend you:

- read the Guidance for Organisations. This will provide full details on the fund and how to apply.
- Complete the self-selection exercise noted below.

Should I apply for the Social Investment Fund?

Do you meet the preconditions?

Each organisation will be required to meet all the preconditions below for their proposal to be evaluated. Pre-condition evidence will not be required during the ROI stage. However, if your organisation is shortlisted, evidence will be collected.

Application Preconditions	
1.	**Legal status:** Is your organisation registered as a legal entity in New Zealand? (Evidence could include an NZBN or other equivalent legal documentation).
2.	**Organisational scale:** Does your organisation(s) have an annual turnover of $500,000 or more? (Evidence could include an IR3 tax return, a letter from your accountant, Charities register document or equivalent).
3.	**Community Relationships (community assessment):** Have you previously worked with a target cohort or community? Do you have established relationships with community stakeholders? (Evidence would be collected via the community consultation phase).
4.	**Data sharing:** Does your organisation agree to share the following data with Statistic New Zealand's Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI) for the service?: • Personal identifier(s): Sufficient information for Statistics New Zealand to identify an individual, such as an NHI number; or a name, gender and date of birth. This data is used only by Statistics New Zealand for linking in the IDI and is not shared with the fund. • Start date: The date the individual began working with your organisation • Exit date: The date the individual ceased working with your organisation

For collective applications, one organisation can provide their details at this point in the process. If a collective application is successful, we will collect the details of other organisations.

Have you considered alignment to Round One priority cohorts?

In June 2025 the Social Investment Fund Ministerial Group (SIFMG) confirmed the below priority cohorts for New Investment Round One. The cohorts have been prioritised based on government priorities and evidence indicating the heightened likelihood of adverse outcomes in health, education, safety, and overall wellbeing.

There are three target cohorts:

1. Children whose parent(s) are currently or have recently been in prison.
2. Children of parent(s) who experienced the care system.
3. Children who are stood down or suspended from school when they were 12 or younger.

Have you reviewed the New Investment assessment framework?

The application process within the portal is aligned to the New Investment self-assessment framework It may be helpful for you to review this framework well ahead of the ROI close date and prior to completing your application through the online portal.

There are areas which may require pre-work and/or collaboration with others to formulate responses required in the application for your proposed initiative, such as your theory of change.

https://www.sia.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Fund-Assessment-Framework-for-New-Investment-Round-One.pdf

Please note: Some responses to questions in this form may be published by the SIA if your proposal is shortlisted. These questions have been highlighted on subsequent pages. The responses to those questions will be published during the community feedback step of the fund process.

Registration of Interest form

Registration

Name

Email

Terms of Use and Privacy Statement

I have read and accept the Terms of Use

○ | **I agree** |

I have read and accept the Privacy Statement

○ | **I agree** |

Self-assessment Questions

Before you begin your application, please answer the following questions to make sure this funding round is right for you.

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3. *Children who are stood down or suspended from school when they were 12 or younger.*

We are looking for initiatives that will reach more than 250 participants who are well aligned with the priority cohorts, over the course of the programme.

Does your organisation(s) have years of experience supporting a large number of children and families facing significant challenges?

○	**Yes**
○	**No**

Do you agree to share data into the IDI for the purpose of research? Do you have the experience and systems in place to manage confidential, personalised data?

The Fund will require successful initiatives to provide the following data to Statistics New Zealand's Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI):

- *Personal Identifier(s): Sufficient information for Statistics New Zealand to identify an individual, such as an NHI number, or a name, gender and date of birth. This data s used only by Statistics New Zealand for linking in the IDI and is not shared with the Fund.*
- *Start date: The date the individual began working with your organisation.*
- *Exit date: The date the individual ceased working with your organisation.*

○	**Yes**
○	**No**

Are you applying as a legal entity?

○	**Yes**
○	**No**

What is the annual turnover of your organisation(s)?

○	**Up to $500k**
○	**$500k-1m**
○	**$1-2m**
○	**$2m plus**

If your organisation has an annual turnover of less than $500,000 per annum then you will not be able to proceed with this application.

Do you confirm that you have authority on behalf of your organisation(s) to submit this application and be the contact for any potential questions we might have?

○	**Yes**
○	**No**

Please note you will be unable to proceed with your application if you do not have the authority on behalf of your organisation(s) to submit this application.

Tell us about your organisation

This part of the application is the Registration of Interest (ROI). Here we'd like to learn more about your organisation and your proposal. In this section, you'll answer a few questions across several pages:

- *who you are and your organisation*
- *what you're hoping to do*
- *who you'll be supporting*
- *the impact you want to have.*

What is your organisation's legal name?

* If your application is moved through to the RFP stage, your organisation name will be published alongside a short summary of your proposed initiative for community feedback.

Free text box (250 characters)

What type of legal entity is your organisation?

Your organisation must be a legal entity to apply for this fund. Please select a type from the drop down or select other and provide more detail.

○	Limited Liability Corporation
○	Partnership
○	Sole Proprietorship
○	Non-profit
○	Charitable trust
○	Other

What is the reference number for your legal entity? (e.g. NZBN, Incorporation number, Charities Commission reference)

Please provide the registered number for the type of entity selected above.

Free text box (50 characters)

Registered address (number/PO Box number; address; locality; post code)

Address finder

What location(s) does your organisation deliver services to?

*This location will be published on our website if your proposal is shortlisted.

Free text box (250 characters)

Main contact name

Free text box (250 characters)

Main contact job title

Free text box (250 characters)

Main contact email address

Free text box (250 characters)

Main contact telephone number

Free text box (13 digits)

Are you applying on behalf of more than one organisation?

Please note if you are applying as part of two or more organisations, and are successful to proceed to RFP, we will require each partner organisation's details as we are seeking from you in this section.

○	**Yes**
○	**No**

If yes, please list the legal name(s) of the other organisation(s) you are applying on behalf of:

Free text box (1250 characters)

Tell us what you propose to do

This section is about what your organisation proposes to do.

In your answer, please include a summary along the lines of "we seek [A] funding to deliver [B] outcome(s) to impact [C] cohort in [D] location".

If your application is moved through to the RFP stage, your organisation's name will be published alongside this short summary of your proposed initiative for community feedback. SIA reserves the right to not publish this short description if it includes information that cannot be published from a privacy perspective, or information that is offensive.

Please briefly outline your organisation's proposal

> **Free text box (255 characters)**

How much funding is your organisation applying for per annum (excl GST)?

> **Free text box (250 characters)**

Tell us what you propose to do

Outcomes

This section is about how your organisation will make a positive impact on social investment priority outcomes.

The Social Investment Fund aims to achieve measurable improvements across key outcomes that align with the Government's social priorities. These outcomes are:

1. ***Improved Health:*** *Reducing serious health events and preventing hospitalisations that are potentially avoidable.*
2. ***Greater Safety:*** *Reducing the need for children to be placed in state care, as well as decreasing rates of violent crime, youth crime, family violence, and sexual violence.*
3. ***Ensuring Stable and Secure Housing:*** *Reducing the need for emergency housing.*
4. ***Improving Knowledge and Skills:*** *Improving attendance in education and supporting the attainment of qualifications.*
5. ***Growing Income and Wealth:*** *Enabling individuals to achieve higher incomes, thereby improving financial security and wealth over time.*
6. ***Supporting people into work:*** *Increasing employment and reducing reliance on benefits.*

To find out more about priority outcomes, see the [Guidance for Organisations](#).

*Please note the information you provide in this section will **not** be published on our website.*

Which priority outcome(s) will your organisation's proposed initiative deliver against?

○	Improved health
○	Greater safety
○	Ensuring Stable and secure housing
○	Improving knowledge and skills
○	Growing income and wealth
○	Supporting people into work

Please describe any other priority outcomes your organisation's proposed initiative will deliver against

Free text box (1000 characters)

The Social Investment Agency has defined three maturity levels for "outcomes".

- ***Developing*** - *Your organisation's proposed initiative includes high-level statements on outcomes. There is an opportunity to build on this foundation by identifying specific, measurable outcomes.*
- ***Meets*** - *Your organisation's proposed initiative outlines specific, measurable outcomes that are well aligned with one priority outcome or reasonably aligned with multiple priority outcomes.*
- ***Leading*** - *Your organisation's proposed initiative identifies specific, measurable outcomes that align strongly with several priority outcomes, as well as other outcomes participants value. The outcomes are clearly tied to the theory of change and evaluation approach.*

Please select the description that best describes your organisation's maturity level for "outcomes"

◯	Developing
◯	Meeting
◯	Leading

Please describe why have you assessed your organisation that way

Free text box (1000 characters)

Cohorts

This about how your organisation will reach a social investment priority cohort.

There are three target cohorts:
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2. *Children of parent(s) who experienced the care system.*
3. *Children who are stood down or suspended from school when they were 12 or younger.*

We are looking for initiatives that will reach more than 250 participants who are well aligned with the priority cohorts, over the course of the programme.

To find out more about priority cohorts, see the Guidance for Organisations.

Please note only the cohort(s) you select will be published on our website if your proposal is shortlisted.

Which priority cohorts will this initiative target?

○	children whose parent(s) are currently or have recently been in prison,
○	children of parent(s) who experienced the care system, and
○	children that were stood down or suspended from school when they were 12 or younger.

Does your organisation currently work with cohorts you selected above?

○	**Yes**
○	**No**

How many participants will your proposal support, per annum?

We are looking for initiatives that will reach more than 250 participants over the course of the programme who are well aligned with the priority cohorts

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Please provide further detail on how these cohorts will be identified in practice

Free text box (1000 characters)

Please provide further information on how your cohort will be referred into your proposed initiative

Free text box (1000 characters)

The Social Investment Agency has defined three maturity levels for "cohorts".

- ***Developing*** *- Your organisation's proposed initiative demonstrates understanding of the population group that will be supported by the initiative. It is likely that this group includes one or more of the priority cohorts. It is unclear how that the initiative will reach more than 250 participants over the course of the programme, and participants are well-aligned to one or more of the priority cohorts.*
- ***Meets*** *- Your organisation's proposed initiative is clear on the priority cohort(s) it intends to reach and there is a credible plan for reaching and working with a priority cohort(s). It is likely that the initiative will reach more than 250 participants over the course of the programme, and participants are well-aligned to one or more of the priority cohorts, which will enable a robust evaluation.*
- ***Leading*** *- Your organisation's proposed initiative demonstrates the organisation's track record of working with the priority cohort(s) and includes referral pathways agreed with partners. The initiative will easily reach enough of the priority cohort(s) to enable a robust evaluation.*

Please select the description that best describes your organisation's maturity level for "cohorts"

◯	Developing
◯	Meeting
◯	Leading

Please describe why you have assessed yourself that way

Free text box (1000 characters)

Theory of Change

This section is about how your organisation's initiative works and theory of change. A theory of change is a structured, evidence-informed explanation of how and why an initiative is expected to lead to better outcomes for a specific cohort.

To find out more about theory of change, see the Guidance for Organisations.

Please note the information you provide in this section will not be published on our website.

The Social Investment Agency has defined three maturity levels for "theory of change".

- ***Developing** - Your organisation's proposed initiative introduces a theory of change, providing a foundational framework to build upon. There is an opportunity to further strengthen the connections between activities and outcomes, creating a clearer pathway to impact.*
- ***Meets** - Your organisation's proposed initiative presents a coherent theory of change that outlines the connections between activities and outcomes. Some evidence (including academic research, mātauranga Māori, or practice-based evidence) to support those connections is provided. The theory of change could form the basis of a robust evaluation.*
- ***Leading** - Your organisation's proposed initiative presents a comprehensive, well-articulated theory of change that is clear, logical, and supported by strong evidence. The theory of change provides a robust framework for evaluation, including clear indicators for tracking intermediate outcomes.*

Please select the description that best describes your organisation's maturity level for "theory of change"

◯	Developing
◯	Meeting
◯	Leading

Please describe why have you assessed your organisation that way

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We want to understand your Logic Model. A Logic Model describes the logical sequence between the planned activities and the desired outcomes. Please refer to our Quick Guide for a simple logic model structure.

Please upload a simple logic model based on the Quick Guide structure, or one you already have to hand. (Please keep this attachment brief, 1-2 pages would be preferred).

Uploading is optional; however, we recommend that you upload one if available.

[Upload file]

Continuous Learning

This section is about your organisation's continuous learning, learning practices and policies.

To find out more about continuous learning, see the Guidance for Organisations.

Please note the information you provide in this section will not be published on our website.

Please describe how your organisation would record it's learning and use that to grow and improve reach

> **Free text box (1000 characters)**

The Social Investment Agency has defined three maturity levels for "Continuous learning"

- ***Developing** - Your organisation's proposed initiative is clear that progress data will be captured and recorded but it is not clear how insights and learning will inform practice and service improvement as there is little evidence of an established learning culture within the organisation.*
- ***Meets** - Your organisation's proposed initiative sets out clearly how data, insights, and learning will be used to support practice and service improvements, and how this builds on the organisation's proven learning approach.*
- ***Leading** - Your organisation's proposed initiative will build on the delivery organisation's proven approach to using data, insights and learning to support service and practice improvement.*

Please select the description that best describes your organisation's maturity level for "continuous learning"

○	Developing
○	Meeting
○	Leading

Please describe why you have assessed your organisation that way

> **Free text box (1000 characters)**

Please describe how your organisation would use the funding to improve it's maturity level for continuous learning

> **Free text box (1000 characters)**

Sector-wide Learning

This section is about your organisation's approach to design, funding and delivery of social services and how it will create a learning opportunity for the wider social sector.

To find out more about sector wide learning, see the Guidance for Organisations.

Please note the information you provide in this section will not be published on our website.

The Social Investment Agency has defined three maturity levels for "sector wide learning".

- *Developing - Your organisation's proposed initiative includes some novel features. The lessons learned will add to the evidence base of what works and why in New Zealand.*
- *Meets - Your organisation's proposed initiative tests or demonstrates solutions built on existing research evidence, with respect to service design, delivery and funding. There is clear potential for the wider social sector to gain valuable new insights or learning.*
- *Leading - Your organisation's proposed initiative includes potentially transformational elements. There is a high likelihood that the social system will gain significant insights and learning, which could be used to benefit the wider social sector.*

Please select the description that best describes your organisation's maturity level for "sector wide learning"

◯	Developing
◯	Meeting
◯	Leading

Please describe why have you assessed your organisation that way

Free text box (1000 characters)

Ability to work in the community

This section is about your organisation's relationships and trust with the community it will be working in and with.

To find out more about ability to work in the community see the Guidance for Organisations.

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Do you have established relationships with community stakeholder/partners?

◯	**Yes**
◯	**No**

Please describe which community stakeholder/partners your organisation has established relationships with

> **Free text box (1000 characters)**

Please describe the strength of those relationships

> **Free text box (1000 characters)**

The Social Investment Agency has defined three maturity levels for "ability to work in the community".

- ***Developing*** *- Your organisation(s) has a developing understanding of the community(s) they will work in and a clear plan for how they will build the relationships they need to be successful.*
- ***Meets*** *- Your organisation(s) has a good understanding of the community(s) they will work in and has existing relationships that can be strengthened to enable success. There is a clear plan to establish any relationships required to support the initiative (eg establishing referral pathways).*
- ***Leading*** *- Your organisation(s) has deep knowledge of the community. They are well-known, respected, and have strong, trusted relationships with providers and key stakeholders, which will support the successful delivery of the initiative.*

Please select the description that best describes your organisation's maturity level for "ability to work in the community"

◯	Developing
◯	Meeting
◯	Leading

Please describe why you have assessed your organisation that way

> **Free text box (1000 characters)**

Ability to deliver the proposal

This section is about your organisation's ability to deliver the proposal.

To find out more about ability to deliver the proposal, see the Guidance for Organisations.

Please note the information you provide in this section will not be published on our website.

Has your organisation successfully delivered initiatives similar in scale or subject matter in the past?

○	Yes
○	No

Does your organisation currently have the necessary staffing and resources to execute this proposal?

If your organisation's proposal moves through to RFP stage, we will need to understand what your organisation's plan to recruit additional staffing and resources to execute this proposal will be.

○	Yes
○	No

Additional Information

This section allows to you to expand on any of the questions you have answered. It is not mandatory to provide additional information and it will not impact your application if you choose not to provide additional information.

Please provide any additional information to the questions you have answered

> **Free text box**

Declaration

I have read and accept the declaration

○ | **I agree** |

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