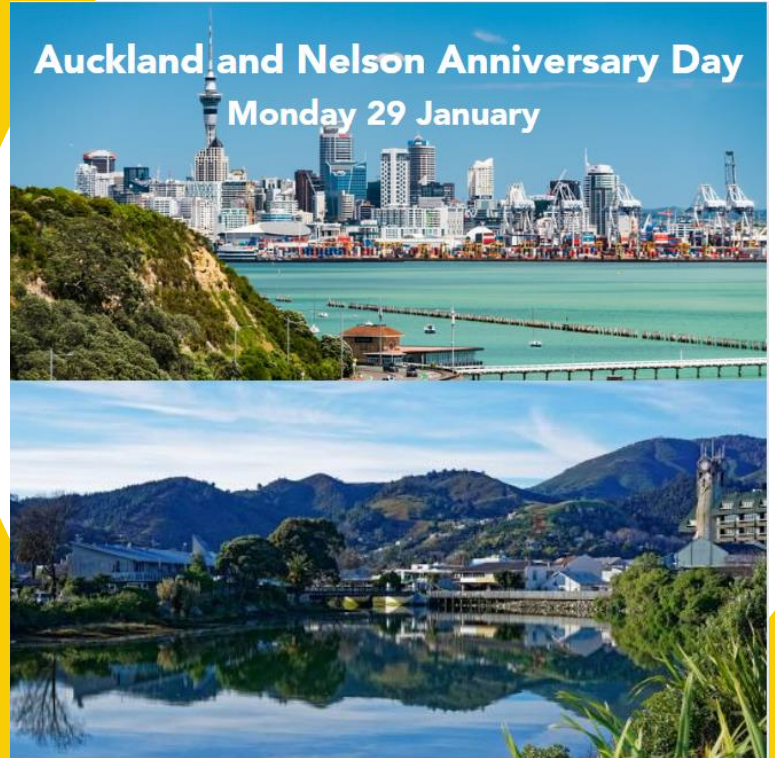


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what you need to know



# flexible funding for young parents in emergency housing

**this non-recoverable payment can be used to help young parents in emergency housing**

If you're working with young parents in emergency housing, you should consider if they can get Flexible Funding assistance.

## what can be considered as an additional cost

Some examples of what the flexible funding has been used for include after-school lessons indoor playgrounds, swimming passes, ongoing costs for school lunches, school holiday programmes, extra travel costs for getting to school, using a laundromat, and more!

## how flexible funding works

When you've identified a need, use the EH Flexible Funding Assistance ART task to let YSSU. They'll send a referral to the contracted provider who organises the payment to a supplier for items or services on behalf of the Ministry.



Find out more about Flexible Funding assistance in the [Emergency Housing eLearning module](#) and on [this factsheet](#).



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# help for back-to-school costs

young people receiving a payment can get help to get the things they need for school

Schools and courses will be starting back soon and young people may need a bit of extra help to pay for things like stationary, books, uniforms and digital devices.

## For young people receiving Youth Payment

Young people may be able to get an advance of benefit payments to cover these costs. To apply, submit a task to YSSU.

**Task category:** Hardship Assistance

**Task type:** OTHER

If the young person is applying for school costs through **OfficeMax**, they must contact **OfficeMax** for a quote reference. Add the reference number to the ART task.

## For young parents

Young parents may be able to receive a Training Incentive Allowance (TIA) to help with these costs. [Learn more about TIA here](#). To apply, fill in the [application form](#) and submit a task to YSSU.

**Task category:** Reviews

**Task type:** Training Incentive Allowance (TIA)



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# reminder to use the correct neet consent form


make sure you use the updated neet consent form we introduced in december

Last year, the NEET consent form was updated to make it more youth friendly. It contains all the necessary information young people need to know about the NEET service.

The form is locked for editing, but you can add your logo and enter details in the editable fields. **You must not edit or change** the content in this NEET consent form and all young people enrolled in the NEET programme must sign this form.

If you need young people's consent for other activities not included in this form, your organisation can create your own consent forms for other activities.

For more information or to download the form, please visit the [provider website](#) and [the NEET eLearning module](#). You can also download the new consent from ART documents.

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### Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) service Participation and information consent form

The NEET service is for young people not in school, work or training. We will get to know you, your situation and your needs. We will offer help to get you on track for learning or work, and help you reach your goals.

We will respect you, and what is important to you.

If you don't want to be a part of Youth Service anymore, you just need to let us know.

#### Collecting your information

We, [Provider name], collect your information so that we can contact you, confirm who you are, and work out how we can help you. We get most of this information from you.

We also collect your information from other people and organisations – like your schools and relevant education providers, Oranga Tamariki, and MSD. They may ask you to confirm that you are okay for this to be shared with us.

You can choose not to give us your personal information, but we might not be able to help you.

#### Sharing your information

The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) will have access to the information we have about you. Unless there are immediate safety concerns or it is required by law, you will be asked for permission before we share your information with anyone else.

Someone may contact you to ask you how you've found working with Youth Service. You can decide if you want to answer their questions or not.

Under the Privacy Act 2020, you have the right to access and correct any information that we hold. If you have any concerns about how your information is being used or handled, you have the right to complain to the Privacy Commissioner.

#### Personal details

Full name: [Participant name]  
Date of birth: [Click or tap to enter a date]  
Enrolment date: [Click or tap to enter a date]  
Youth coach name: [Employee name]

By signing this you agree that you have understood and agree to the information in this form.

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Signature

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Date

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# join our feedback group

are you interested in making youth service the best it can be?

We're always looking at ways to improve the systems and processes we use to support our young people.

When we come up with an idea, we like to check with our talented youth coaches – ✨ like you ✨ – to make sure it is helpful and makes sense.

We are looking for a few more volunteers that we can call on to try things out and let us know what they think.

For more information on how the feedback group will work visit [youth service feedback group | Youth Service providers](#)

Sounds interesting? Have a chat with your team leader and ask them to email [national\\_youthservice@msd.govt.nz](mailto:national_youthservice@msd.govt.nz)



# upcoming drop-in sessions

drop-in sessions are back – join us to meet other youth coaches and learn about youth service

**keeping ourselves well**  
**Tuesday 30 January, 10am**



As a youth coach, you play an important role in shaping the lives of taiohi and inspiring them to achieve their potential.

To support the wellbeing of taiohi, you must look after your own.

In this session, we'll discuss tools and strategies you can use to look after you – which in turn will help you support your taiohi.

Join via [Teams](#)

**induction for new youth coaches**  
**Wednesday 7 February, 10am**



In this drop-in session we're cover:

- the legislation and policy that determines how Youth Service operates
- the people and teams that help deliver Youth Service
- an overview of the Activity Reporting Tool (ART)
- where to find information to help you in your role.

You'll also get to meet some other new youth coaches and be able to ask us any question

Join via [Teams](#)

**You can find the full drop-in session schedule on our provider site**  
[drop-in sessions | Youth Service providers](#)  
or print the [breakroom poster](#)

# realising the dreams and aspirations of youth

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