Braid Incorporated

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Small Grants
Requested: $15,000
Approved: $10,000
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Please provide contact details below.

We require the contact details for the following people in your organisation:

a) <u>a person that we can discuss this application with</u> - ie your Primary Application Contact,

b) your <u>Chair, President or equivalent head of governance</u> position, and

c) your Manager or equivalent position.

If your organisation does not have c), you do not need to provide a third contact.

All organisations must provide at least two contacts though. If a) and b) are the same person and your organisation does not have c), we still need a second person's details.

Organisation:	Braid Incorporated
Primary Application Contact:	Sonny Whitelaw
Primary Application Contact's Position Title:	Manager
Secondary Application Contact:	Nick Ledgard
Secondary Application Contact's Position Title:	Chairperson
Tertiary Application Contact:	Edith Smith
Tertiary Application Contact's Position Title:	Secretary

If any people whose names appear in the above lists under 'Primary Application Contact', 'Secondary Application Contact' or 'Tertiary Application Contact' are no longer involved with your organisation, please list their names.

Is another organisation going to umbrella your organisation?	No

Please only select 'yes' if your organisation is not a legal entity itself, and you are applying under an umbrella organisation as per discussions. If your organisation is affiliated to eg a national body, but your organisation has its own legal status, select 'no'.

Our funding programme

You have selected the following Funding Programme. If you need to change this, please do so here.

Funding Programme:	Small Grants Programme $20,000 or less

Before you start

Please review your organisation's details and update as needed. You can do this by looking under **Organisation** on the menu on the left side before you submit.

You confirm that you have updated your organisation's information before completing this form.	Yes

Date organisation details updated:	12/3/2020

• We will be asking you about how your project, programme or service aligns with our funding priorities. If you haven't already, view our Funding Area Priorities under each funding area here.

• Learn more about making an application in our FAQs and make sure you have the documents you need to attach.

• Please take your time to fill in all relevant questions as fully as possible. If we don't have all the information we need, we will send your application back to you with instructions on what needs to be done. We stop assessing your application until you have supplied the required documentation.

• Rātā Foundation staff are available on free phone 0508 266 878, phone 03 335 0305 or enquiry@ratafoundation.org.nz if you need help.

Please list the names of the people on your governance or decision making group:

Nick Ledgard
Dr Frances Schmechel (Environment Canterbury Biodiversity)
Beverley Alexander
Sue Mardon
Edith Smith QSM
Sonny Whitelaw
Dr Richard Maloney (Department of Conservation technical advisor)

How many paid full-time people do you have working for your organisation? (more than 35 hours per week):	0

Please include your governance if relevant.

How many paid part-time people do you have working for your organisation?	2

Please include your governance if relevant.

How many people volunteer with your organisation each year? Please tell us the number of people, not the number of roles.	300

Please include your governance if relevant.

If applicable, how many registered members does your organisation have? For example, sport or recreation club members, Incorporated Society members.	93

Your organisation's finances

In addition to reading your latest financial accounts or performance reports, this section helps us understand any other financial information which may impact your organisation's delivery over the next 12 months.

Are you expecting any significant change to your organisation's financial circumstances in the next twelve months?	No

Rātā Foundation recognises that we are often not the only philanthropic funder or government agency supporting a service or project,

and other funder priorities can change from time to time.

Does your organisation receive any central or local   Yes
government funding?

Please tell us about this funding, what it is for, and whether it is ongoing or not.

- ECan provide $15,000/year funding for wages to maintain networking and marketing including comprehensive website and social media, signs, educational resources, plus some wages towards the cost of planning and running the 2020 braided rivers symposium
- Some 20 months remains of a 3 year Lotto grant to develop and foster partnerships with community groups to protect and restore braided river bird habitats (mostly wages but also some traps and signs)
- LINZ will fund the (one-off) outgoing costs (venue and catering) for the upcoming 2020 braided rivers symposium, however this may be postponed due to Covid-19.

Does your organisation have funds tagged or being   Yes
held in reserve?

Please describe what your tagged funds are held for.

The amount below are funds in hand as of 23 January 2019. All of our current funding from Lotto and ECan in hand is specifically allocated to existing braided rivers projects outlined above, including contracted wages and river bird surveys anticipated in the coming season. We are holding $3,304 in hand from DOC and a specific donation to control black-backed gulls, also earmarked for the coming season. In sum, we do not have funds to start this new separate project.

Total amount of tagged funding: $43,750

About your project, programme or service

Please review the priorities under our Funding Areas of Learn, Support, Connect, Participate and Sustain, to see how your project aligns with our priorities.

If you would like further information about answering these questions, please refer to our FAQs.

Please state specifically which of our funding priorities your project, programme or service best aligns with.

Sustain.

Briefly tell us what you are applying for.

Wages & operating costs to create an information and networking hub enabling people to develop climate resiliency for themselves, their whanau & their communities.

What will you do? Tell us about your planned project, programme or service you are applying for funding toward. Be as specific as possible.

In an ideal world, communities would understand the cascading risks posed by climate change. Individuals and communities would knowledgably participate and contribute to decisions and be enabled to take action. Everyone would understand that decisions will need to continuously adjust as weather patterns and sea levels rise and risks such as biosecurity come into focus. Everyone—including the farming sector—would place climate risk and emerging opportunities at the forefront of their decisions. And healthy ecosystems would be recognised as indispensable to the efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

In the real world, while there is an enormous body of peer-reviewed research on climate change and robust strategies for mitigation and adaptation, the information is largely inaccessible and/or incomprehensible to the lay person. That disempowerment results in denial, fear, anger, and resentment, all of which impede rational discussion and sound decision making.

Our goal is to create a resource and information hub to share learning, knowledge, and practical actions to address the climate emergency in Canterbury. The content will draw on peer-reviewed research and proven outcomes in a wide range of science disciplines, but presented in accessible ways that empower and enable people to develop climate resiliency for themselves, their whanau, & their communities. It will do so using the same proven networking and communications model as BRaid uses for braided rivers.

See test web page: https://braidedrivers.org/sample (password: sample)

Objectives:

• To work collaboratively with experts in multiple sectors to collect, store, and share user-friendly information on a website, and actively disseminate that through social media and newsletters
• To work with groups and communities to share their mitigation and/or adaptation projects, and the benefits now and in the future

Who are the people you are focusing on for this project, programme or service? (Select all that apply.)
If your programme, project or service is not for specific groups, tick only 'General public'.

General Public, Young people 12-18, Young adults 19-25, Geographical community

Which of these ethnic groups does your project, programme or service focus on? (Select all that apply.)
If your project, programme or service is not for specific ethnicities, tick only 'All Ethnicities'.

All ethnicities

Where will you deliver your project, programme or service?

Tasman Region

Nelson Region

Marlborough Region

Canterbury Region

- **Click on the + on the right to use the dropdown menu to select the region(s), district(s) and/or specific locations you deliver in.**
- **If you deliver in Christchurch please also select the suburbs you deliver in.**

How many people do you expect to reach through your project, programme or service?

30000

How do you know there is a need for your project, programme or service?

Just before the 2019 braided rivers seminar at Lincoln University, student strikes were calling for action. Environment Canterbury was one of several regional and district councils that declared a climate emergency. But the details of what this means to individuals and communities were (and still are) lacking. The manager of BRaid, who has a background in climate change and community development, presented on the impacts of climate change to braided rivers in July. As winter feeding grounds for critically endangered endemic and taonga braided river bird species extend from the mountains to the open ocean, the problems associated with braided rivers are complex and far reaching. The presentation exposed the implications of climate change across all sectors and communities, 'from the mountains to the sea'. Within days, we were contacted by other groups and organisations (including ECan and the Hurunui-Waiau Zone committee) requesting more information and presentations to communities on climate change. We have subsequently found that groups and communities are struggling to understanding the implications of something not everyone is completely sure is real, why both mitigation and adaptation is necessary, and for those wanting to respond, how and what they can do to develop climate resiliency. We have also found sound strategies being undertaken by groups relevant to their own sector, but these efforts are often concentrated and siloed because they each have their own mandate and priorities.

BRaid's mandate and funding is centred on braided rivers, not broadscale climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies at community, group, and individual levels. We do not have the funding to divert from our core mandate to develop a cross-sector networking and communications hub to enable this. We do, however, have the knowledge, expertise, capability, and time-capacity to do so. And we are acutely aware of the urgency.

We have been able to reach over 70,000 people when it comes to bad news around braided rivers. We believe we will reach more than that with this project, as climate change affects all sectors, cultures, and age groups, however it it takes time to build the necessary networks.

What difference are you hoping your project, programme or service will make to your community?

Our goal is create a responsive resource and information hub; to share learning, knowledge, and practical actions to address the climate emergency by enlisting the free services provided by nature. The content will draws on peer-reviewed research and proven outcomes in a wide range of science disciplines including human health and well-being. Our goal is Individuals will be able to knowledgably and collaboratively work to become climate resilient for themselves, their whanau, and their communities.

The most cost-effective and practical strategy is to rapidly mobilise the free ecosystem services provided by nature. To enable these services, we must restore the habits and biodiversity that provide them. And we must do so before they are irretrievably lost. These

services will help:

- reduce carbon emissions into the atmosphere
- sequester atmospheric carbon back into the ground
- reduce the economic and social upheaval of rising sea levels and severe weather
- replenish biodiversity across multiple habitats, including soils
- restore health to waterways
- restore mahinga kai
- increase agricultural productivity while reducing emissions
- create new business opportunities
- reduce the projected impacts of climate change on human health and wellbeing

Tell us how your organisation demonstrates good practice.
This might include meeting legal requirements, following good practice or having an evidence base for how you work in your area of delivery. If your organisation works with children, young people or other vulnerable people, please tell us about the policies you have in place for safe practice.

We hold chaired meetings every 3-4 months, accounts are managed by a paid treasurer, and we are audited annually. All reporting to Charities and our current funding organisations is up to date. We use a Risk Analysis and Management System for outdoor field works and indoor work, including working with schools. We use best-practice advise from DOC braided rivers Technical Advisory Group and from ECan biodiversity team. All advise and information we given in person and on the website has been reviewed by these and other experts including NIWA.

Find out more about answering this question in our FAQs.

What information do you plan to collect to help you understand how successful your project, programme or service has been?

We measure success by level of engagement and feedback from our partners and community groups. Our 200+ page website is the go-to resource for students, researchers, and community groups alike and recognised by DOC as the primary resource for braided rivers. Facebook posts reach from 130- 77,000 people. Our educational materials including signs are used widely by community groups, schools and by ECan and DOC, and our seminars and workshops are booked out and waitlisted. We will use the same benchmarks and a strategy of continuous improvement through updating resources and information, and evaluation and assessment to ensure the goals of the project are being met.

If you are aware of other groups or organisations providing a similar project, programme or service, how is yours different or complementary?

We undertook a comprehensive survey of websites whose goal was to provide a 'one stop shop' source of information and showcase for groups and activities in relation to climate change solutions. Most focus on climate problems, demands for government and corporate action to divest from fossil fuel investments and de-carbonise the economy (a term that few really understand). This information hub, with a purpose built website will focus on 'how to' solutions that enable individuals and communities. Please see https://braidedrivers.org/sample (password: sample) for

How are the community or people who use your service, involved with the running, design or development of this project, programme or service?

By design BRaid works entirely through co-operation and partnerships across multiple sectors to share knowledge and resources. These include iwi, individuals, schools, community groups, local and regional councils (primarily ECan) and DOC. We also work with advice from Lincoln, Otago &Canterbury Universities plus Crown Research Institutes NIWA and Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research.

This project aims to do the same, by inviting cross-sector participation and being response to feedback.

Your project, programme or service's budget

What are you applying for? Please select from the list. You can select more than one cost area.	Operating Costs, Salaries and wages

Project Costs

What is the total cost of this project programme or service?	$30,000
How much are you requesting from Rātā Foundation in total?	$15,000

For this project, programme or service only - please list any other funders and any other sources of funding.

Total other funding: $0

Other Sources of Funding

Edit

Source of funding	No other funding for this project
Amount	
Is the funding confirmed?	No
Funding period	not applicable

Anything more to add?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your project, programme or service, that hasn't been covered in our questions?

We are currently in discussions with ECan for $15,000 in funding. By its nature, the project can be scaled up or down depending on the level of financial support received. We are currently volunteering time to design the structure and content of the core website and gathering people expertise so that once we can fund the initial web hosting services and associated costs, we can move quickly. We anticipate a considerable amount of volunteer hours will be put into this (as they have been to this point).

We'd like to hear from you

Thank you for taking time to tells us about your organisation and project or programme. We would really appreciate it if you could take a few moments to give us feedback so we can make sure our processes are working for you. This information won't affect your application, and will not be viewed as part of your application.

1. Where do you see/hear about Rātā Foundation mostly?   Internet

2. How long did it take you (in hours worked) to complete this application? Please include time in compiling information.   15

3. Please rate our online application form where 1 is not easy to complete and 5 is very easy to complete.   3

4. Please rate how easy it is to understand our application questions, where 1 is not easy to understand at all and 5 is very easy to understand.   5

5. We are always looking to improve. Can you please tell us your reasons for your ratings?

6. Do you have any other comments to make about our online application form?

Thanks for taking the time to review this. Stay safe in your bubbles!

Thank you for your feedback

▼ Documents

Please read before you start:

The following information is required to allow us to process your application. If for any reason we don't receive the right information, we will send your application back to you with instructions on what needs to be done. We stop assessing your application until you have supplied the required documentation.

Please don't add additional information as we won't use it when processing your application. Be assured we will contact you if we have further questions.

• Find out more about the supporting information required to be submitted with the application here.
• Find out what your financial accounts need to contain here.
• Find out if you need to have your financial statement audited here. Note: you can only upload one document per field.

REQUEST DOCUMENTS

Rata Foundation Approval Letter.docx

Rata Foundation Approval Letter
Added at 1:16 PM on 5 August 2020

Audited financials - Braid Inc (2019)26082019.pdf

If relevant, upload your audit or review
Added by Sonny Whitelaw at 4:31 PM on 3 April 2020

BRaid support letter FB.pdf

First letter of support
Added by Sonny Whitelaw at 3:57 PM on 3 April 2020

BRaid support letter.pdf

Second letter of support
Added by Sonny Whitelaw at 10:26 PM on 2 April 2020

Committee BRaid remote meeting.pdf

Minute/resolution
Added by Sonny Whitelaw at 10:20 PM on 2 April 2020

ORGANISATION DOCUMENTS

Terms and Conditions and Declaration

Terms and Conditions if your application is successful

If your application for funding is approved, you will be asked to agree to our Terms and Conditions when you receive your decision letter. This Terms and Conditions document will need to be signed by your Chair, President or equivalent, and returned to us before we will pay out any funds.

You will also be asked to provide a pre-printed bank deposit slip or bank certified account details at that time.
By signing Rātā Foundation's Terms and Conditions your organisation will be formally accepting the grant that has been approved. We will be asking you to confirm that you agree to:

a. the timeframe for which the grant can be expended – which is generally 12 months from the date it is uplifted; and

b. participating in any monitoring or auditing activities Rātā Foundation may undertake in relation to the grant approved to your organisation.

Organisation and Personal Information (Privacy Act 1993, Unsolicited Electronic Messages Act 2007)

Rātā Foundation acknowledges this application will contain information about individuals and that we are required to handle this information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. Accordingly we confirm that:

- The collection of information is not required by law

- For Rātā Foundation to be able to process the application, specific information about individuals is needed.

- Your organisation has the right to correct any personal information supplied.

- Any information provided by people in their registration will be visible to other people within the same organisation only, if they are also registered in this portal. This includes phone number and email address.

Please visit our website to view our Privacy Statement at ratafoundation.org.nz/who-we-are/our-finance-and-investments/policies /privacy-policy.

Declaration

On submitting this application:

We agree with the Terms and Conditions which may be applicable if my organisation receives a grant from Rātā Foundation.

We agree to abide by the requirements of Rātā Foundation and declare this application represents a full disclosure of the affairs of our organisation including our financial position.

We authorise Rātā Foundation or its agents to make any enquiries or undertake any audits of our organisation in relation to this application.

I also note the Organisation and Personal Information statements above, for and on behalf of the Organisation.

Name:	Sonny Whitelaw
Position Title:	Manager

Thank you for your time.

If you have any queries concerning this application call us on 0508 266 878, or 03 335 0305 or email enquiry@ratafoundation.org.nz