

Web accessibility grant 2023/24

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Application No. WA000962023 From Ms Vanessa Simpson

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Web accessibility grant report

Thank you for completing your funded initiative.

This form will be placed on our website for transparency and enables us to understand and share the work you have completed. If you prefer to use your own formatting, you can provide a report to us via email.

Please submit your report no later than the date stipulated in your funding agreement. If you cannot meet the deadline, contact us to arrange an alternative date by emailing funding@internetnz.net.nz.

You may not be eligible to apply for further grants from InternetNZ if you do not submit a report. Someone with intimate knowledge of the funded initiative should oversee the writing of your grant report.

Final report

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Host organisation *

TechMate

Website *

<http://www.techmate.org.nz>

Must be a URL

Provide a summary of the work undertaken. *

A comprehensive website accessibility assessment was undertaken across four organisations including TechMate, Hoon Hay Community Association (HHCA), Qtopia and Shirley Community Trust.

This assessment occurred in consultation with key stakeholders including website owners, their users, people with lived experience of a disability and technical specialists (user experience specialist [Tait Communications], website developer, a person with a special interest / qualifications in human and technology interface and speech language therapist). Their input formed part of the overall review, and a comprehensive report was created in both 'layman's terms' and technical language. This report supports organisations to understand the changes required to improve website accessibility along with a range of recommendations for their consideration. These organisations were given the option of engaging TechMate to implement the recommendations or employ a website developer of their choosing. We have additional not-for-profit organisations such as Volunteering Canterbury, Halswell Community Centre and Manuka Cottage who we will continue to engage with over the upcoming 6-9 months.

In addition to the above mahi, our staff attended a workshop facilitated by Will Soward (Tait Communications), prior to commencing this initiative. TechMate Team and volunteers have been trained in Squarespace and general website accessibility to enable them to update our website and others running on this platform.

Tell us about the activities carried out in this initiative to improve web accessibility.

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What impact has this work had? *

Ordinarily community and charitable organisations have insufficient funds to undertake a website review of this scale. This grant has enabled several organisations to obtain the information and resources necessary to make changes that will significantly improve the accessibility of their website and potentially engage more people with their services. The mahi undertaken with this grant will also benefit the people accessing these sites in terms of obtaining the information they require and give them confidence to access this information online.

This mahi has also given our staff and volunteers valuable training and hands on experience in website review and development that they can continue to use in future projects.

You may like to share any feedback you have received or describe changes you have noticed, for example, who and how people are able to engage with your website.

Provide evidence of the improved accessibility of your website.

For example before and after images, screen recordings, testing or feedback.

Upload files

Filename: HHCA Report.pdf
File size: 516.6 kB

Filename: Qtopia report.pdf
File size: 301.3 kB

Filename: Shirley Community Trust Website Assessment and Recommendations..docx
File size: 38.7 kB

Upload files

Filename: Current main page - April 2025.jpeg
File size: 526.1 kB

Filename: Old main page - June 2024.jpeg
File size: 658.3 kB

Filename: TechMate website, checklist and todo.xlsx
File size: 51.5 kB

and/or

Web link

<http://www.techmate.org.nz>
Must be a URL.

and/or

Provide additional details

Feedback from two different users with a disability accessing the new

TechMate site with improved accessibility features:

"The [change of colour to a] darker navy blue helps a lot with readability as the baby blue on white tends to be

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harder to read. The new layout seems to be a lot more compact and condensed which helps with navigation."
 "...so the new one [website] is easier to read and understand compared to the old one"

Are you happy for us to share these as examples for others to learn from?

Yes No Ask us first

Which population group/s were affected by this project or program? *

Education status > Adult and Community Education (ACE) students
 Gender groups > Gender diverse people
 Living environment > Urban/metropolitan dwellers
 LGBTIQ+ people > LGBTIQ+ people
 Social and economic status > Economically disadvantaged people > Low-income people
 Please choose only the group/s that were at the very core of this project/program.

What did you learn during this project? *

The extent to which font, colour and layout impacts the readability of a website for people living with a disability and older persons. This includes their level of engagement, comfort and confidence to obtain the information they need from a site.

The importance of involving people with lived experience and professionals from different disciplines to assist in the design of an accessible website.

Share anything that might help others who are also looking to improve their web accessibility.

Financial report

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Please provide details of funds received and spent in relation to this grant.

Income description	\$ amount	Expenditure description	\$ amount
Web Accessibility Grant InternetNZ	\$10,000.00	See below	\$0.00
a	\$0.00	Contingency	\$383.00
b	\$0.00	Prog Support Admin Staff Volunteer Mgt	\$1,325.00
c	\$0.00	Ops Mgr wages - running workshops	\$2,900.00

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d	\$0.00	Ops Mgr Wages - training / material prep	\$3,950.56
e	\$0.00	Screens	\$694.44
f	\$0.00	Petrol	\$172.00
g	\$0.00	Flights	\$365.00
h	\$0.00	Meals	\$210.00

Total Income Amount

\$10,000.00

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Expenditure Amount

\$10,000.00

This number/amount is calculated.

Income - Expenditure

\$0.00

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Feedback

You are almost at the end of your final report. Before submitting, please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

Indicate how you found the report process:

Very easy Easy Neutral Difficult Very Difficult

Do you have any feedback about our funding processes?

The process for accountability reporting feels straightforward and we have really appreciated the clear guidelines around this part of the process. Thank you again for enabling TechMate to undertake this important mahi for our organisation and others in the not-for-profit sector. The users accessing these sites will benefit from the mahi undertaken to support improved readability and accessibility of these sites.

InternetNZ is a membership organisation. Would you be interested in hearing more about becoming a member?

Yes please No thanks I am already a member

Are you interested in joining a gathering with other grantees?

Yes please No thanks