**Bright Future Grants**

**Providing support for STEM programmes at school**

**Sponsored by Mobil**

**GRANT OVERVIEW**

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| **Mobil Bright Future Grants 2023 looks to provide support to STEM projects at select KidsCan partner high schools.**KidsCan has partnered with Mobil Oil New Zealand Ltd to administer the 2023 Mobil Bright Futures Grant application process. The Bright Future Grant aims to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education to select KidsCan partner schools close to Mobil’s storage terminals/coastal bulk plants (Auckland, Mt Maunganui, Wellington, Christchurch, and Bluff).**Grants of up to $5,000 are available for STEM related projects.**KidsCan is grateful that Mobil has allocated this funding specifically for KidsCan partner schools in recognition of their increased need for support.  |
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|  **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**  |
| Funding support can go towards the following: * Equipment
* Books
* Teaching resources
* Education programs
* Science, maths or engineering initiatives for students
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| **WHO CAN APPLY?** |
| KidsCan partner high schools identified to have the high equity index levels (as identified by KidsCan) which are close to Mobil’s storage terminals/coastal bulk plants (Auckland, Mt Maunganui, Wellington, Christchurch, and Bluff).*Please note: This does not guarantee that all schools that apply will receive a grant.*  |
| **APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE** |
| To apply please complete the application form that has been emailed to you. If you have any issues with accessing the application form, or any questions please reach out to us at partnerships@kidscan.org.nz Applications must endorsed by the principle of the school.* **Tuesday 30 May, 5pm - Applications close**
* Friday 16 June, 5pm (or prior) - Schools will receive an email notification of the outcome of the grant application
* Friday 30 June - Grant funds will be deposited in the successful applicants accounts
* Monday 17 July (or prior) - Kidscan to be in touch to discuss opportunities to acknowledge and celebrate receipt of grant with Mobil and KidsCan
* Wednesday 1 November 2023 – Deadlines for projects to be started
* Wednesday 1 November 2023 (or prior)– Project update to be provided/ take place
* 20 December 2023 - Funds must be entirely used
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| **SELECTION CRITERIA** |
| Projects must demonstrate a STEM educational need and preference will be given to applications that meet at least two of the following criteria:* Specific focus on science and/or maths.
* Broad student participation and benefit.
* Involvement of and benefit to whānau and the broader community.
* Innovative or new project.
* Clear aims and objectives.
* Opportunities for Mobil and/ or KidsCan to visit the school and participate in acknowledging the funding. This could include taking part in an assembly presentation, classroom tour, meet with students or teachers directly benefiting from the funding.
* Opportunities for Mobil and KidsCan to publicly acknowledge the grant being awarded through owned channels and media with quotes, imagery, videos or thank you letters from the school community with prior consent.

Applications will be assessed by a panel of KidsCan and Mobil representatives.Applications will be assessed according to how well they meet the selection criteria and the amount provided will be determined according to budget available as well as the total number of applications received. While an application may meet the selection criteria, there is no guarantee the application will be successful.A grant may also be provided for only a portion of the amount requested, again, depending on budget, how many eligible applications are received and the relevance of the project.Panel decisions are final and there is no right of appeal. |
|  **EXCLUSIONS** |
| The Bright Future Grants are NOT eligible to be used for:* + Overseas projects or international aid
	+ Staff salary (including relief teachers)
	+ Travel grants
	+ Individuals
	+ Sport
	+ Religious donations
	+ Private/commercial enterprises
	+ Conferences
	+ One off campaigns
	+ Operating costs
	+ Religious donations
	+ Where funds will be passed onto a third party or fund-raising agency
	+ Rebating fees or funding already sourced

Employees of ExxonMobil and its subsidiaries, and immediate family members, are not eligible to participate in the program or receive any direct benefits from the grant. |
| **CONDITIONS** |
| * The school will be responsible for ensuring the funds are directed into appropriate activities as described in its application.
* Projects must be started by Wednesday 1 November 2023 and must be used entirely by 20 December 2023.
* KidsCan/Mobil will require an activity update once the funds have been fully allocated on the approved project, and no later than Wednesday 1 November. This could include a written summary, photographs, videos or an in person presentation/ meeting.
* If the project does not take place/is cancelled, KidsCan must be contacted immediately.
* If you have any questions about the project or application procedures, please contact partnerships@kidscan.org.nz
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| **GUIDELINES** |
| * Each school can submit as many grant applications as required.
* An application must be completed in full and must include a budget and supporting documents for the relevant expenses.
* The maximum amount for each application is $5,000.
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