

Rodney Local Board – Local Board Community Grants 2016/2017

Guidelines for Applicants

The Rodney Local Board recognises the vital role that community groups and organisations play in developing strong, sustainable communities. The local board want to build the capacity of community groups and organisations and to encourage efforts that give effect to the priorities in the local board plan.

The Local Board Community Grants are aimed at assisting groups to provide activities, projects, programmes, initiatives, and events that make a positive contribution within the local board area.

The local board would like to see applicants demonstrate that they are working collaboratively with other community groups with shared interests. In addition groups that have matched funding available to them or have obtained alternative funding partnerships may be prioritised over other applications. It is important for groups and organisations to be sustainable and deliver good community outcomes.

Outcomes

The local board community grants programme is targeted towards supporting the outcomes of the Rodney Local Board Plan 2014. The outcomes are:

- Roads, paths and public transport enable us to get around easily and safely (page 16 – 19)
- Parks and sports facilities are easy to access and enjoy (page 20 – 25)
- Our environment is healthy, cared for and enjoyed (page 30 – 33)
- Local halls and libraries are familiar, valued and well used community spaces (page 34 – 37)
- Local economies are strong and growing (page 38 – 41)
- Arts, culture and events enhance our communities and express who we are (page 42 – 45)
- Communities are empowered and plan for their own futures (26 – 29)

Community empowerment – what does this mean?

1. The project will be initiated and led by local residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it something that local residents want to do or is the idea coming from social service providers or similar organisations?
2. It will build the ability of local people to do things for themselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it encourage people to take on projects themselves and learn new skills?
3. There will be wide community involvement and benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it share leadership and control with other residents/groups in the community? • Does it provide opportunities for a diverse range of residents to contribute and be involved?
4. It will increase the sense of community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there new opportunities for local people to connect with each other? • Does it build local community pride?

If you would like to view a copy of the Rodney Local Board Plan please see www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz and enter Rodney Local Board Plan into the search field.

Priorities for Grants

The Rodney Local Board welcomes grant applications that align with one or more of the following local board plan priorities. You need to include information in your application to explain which priorities are relevant to your application and how the priorities will be supported by your project, activity or event.

- Roads, paths and public transport enable us to get around easily and safely: Our communities are well connected by transport links and have a range of transport options available to them
- Parks and sports facilities are easy to access and enjoy: Our communities, young and old, will have increased access to a wide range of recreation opportunities for health, well-being and enjoyment
- Our environment is healthy, cared for and enjoyed by all: Local community groups take ownership in the quality of their environment. River and stream water quality will be improving, pest species reduced and waste minimised. Our wastewater servicing will be reliable and environmentally friendly
- Local halls and libraries are familiar, valued and well-used community spaces: Our halls and libraries meet the needs of local communities. They are highly valued, welcoming friendly spaces in which local residents take pride and have a sense of ownership
- Local economies are strong and growing: Our local economy will strengthen and businesses will thrive through working together. A growing economy will provide more jobs for local people
- Arts, culture and events enhance our communities and express who we are: Our communities will celebrate, learn and grow through arts, culture, events and a variety of community-led initiatives. These activities will strengthen communities, provide opportunities for people to connect with each other and build a sense of pride
- Communities are empowered and plan for their own futures: Our communities know what they want for their futures. Local people will plan for their own areas and determine what is important

- **Young people**

The Rodney Local Board is committed to increasing engagement and participation from young people. That want more young people to have a say in decisions that affect them and they would like to see more young people involved in community projects. The local board encourages funding applications for projects, events and activities that are designed and delivered by young people.

Limitations

- Applicants can receive funding from the Rodney Local Board a maximum of two times per year and must identify details of the rounds on which they have previously applied, including the amount of funding received during the previous rounds
- Applicants must provide information of any other funding they have applied for, which other funding mechanisms are to be used and identify how they will utilise their own funding or in-kind contributions to support the project/event

Generally, the following proposals will not qualify or be considered for financial assistance

- Activities that do not relate to the local board plan outcomes
- Applications for activities or projects outside of the local board area
- Commercial business enterprises – unless there is a community fundraising benefit which can be proven
- Commitment to ongoing funding or financial support
- Applications to subsidise rentals, reduce debt loadings or the payment of rates
- Applications for the purpose or subsidy of alcohol or costs associated with staging after-match functions
- Grants for the sole purpose of an individual
- Family reunions
- Prizes for sports and other events (except trophies)
- Portable electronic equipment /IT equipment
- Retrospective projects
- Vehicles or fuel costs
- Payment of legal fees or expenses and/or regulatory fees including resource and building consent fees
- Churches or religious institutions
- Educational institutions – exception: where the educational institution can demonstrate the community use benefit and that the application demonstrates appropriate fund raising input from the community. Detailed financial statements specific to the project are required in these cases i.e. not general school accounts.

Lower Priorities

The Rodney Local Board has identified the following activities as **lower priorities**:

- Salaries
- Travel
- Catering
- Ticketed events (where participants pay to enter)

Investment approach

The Rodney Local Board has allocated budgets to support the local grants programme as follows:

- Match funding under either quick response or local grants is encouraged and will be given preference when considering applications.
- Quick Response Local Grants:
 - Minimum amount per grant: \$500
 - Maximum amount per grant: \$2,000
- Local Grants:
 - Minimum amount per grant: \$2,000
 - Maximum amount per grant: \$10,000

Application dates

Grant rounds for 2016/2017

Quick Response Local Grants

Funding rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	1 July 2016	29 July 2016	12 September	1 October 2016

			2016	
Round two	19 September 2016	17 October 2016	December 2016	1 December 2016
Round three	13 February 2017	10 March 2017	April 2017	1 May 2017

Local Grants

Funding rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	1 July 2016	31 July 2016	12 September 2016	1 October 2016
Round two	1 March 2017	21 April 2017	June 2017	1 July 2017

Multi-board funding

The Rodney Local Board is open to considering opportunities to work with other boards to deliver multi-board funding on a case by case basis as opportunities arise.

Accountability measures

The Rodney Local Board requires that all successful applicants to meet the following accountability measures. The recipient shall send a letter of acknowledgement to the local board once the grant has been utilised and detail:

- how the objectives of the grant funding were met, and
- how the local board has been acknowledged in all related advertising, media and communications

Multiple or additional applications will not be considered unless the grant recipient has completed **all** accountability measures from previous grants.