

Albert-Eden Local Board – Local grants programme 2016/2017

The Albert-Eden Local Board Local grants programme provides contestable community grants to local communities and organisations.

Outcomes sought from our local grants programme

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the following outcomes, as outlined in our local board plan:

- proud, connected and secure communities
- a better and bigger range of recreational experiences
- a community that values its environment
- our heritage is cherished and protected.

Our priorities for community grants

We welcome grant applications that align to the following priorities:

- our people feel safe and participate in their communities
- young people have a place and a voice
- events that provide fun for people from all backgrounds and ages, and celebrate what's great about our area
- innovative and exciting arts initiatives that build our identity
- our diverse communities can participate fully in the future of our area
- more opportunities for more people to enjoy our parks and reserves
- our community lives in more sustainable ways and reduces its environmental impact
- our streams, beaches, coastline and maunga are cared for and provide recreational cultural and environmental benefits
- seed-funding for community-led projects and activities
- projects that involve community volunteers
- community garden initiatives.

These priorities align with our local board plan, to read more about our vision for the Albert-Eden area, click [here](#).

Lower priorities for community grants

We will also consider applications for other services, projects and initiatives, however they may be considered a lower priority. We have identified the following activities as lower priorities:

- commercial entities and promotion of commercial entities
- ticketed events
- activities that primarily benefit communities outside the Albert-Eden Local Board area

- activities that primarily benefit a third party (e.g. activity to gain money for an organisation)
- grants to support the purchase of, or maintenance associated with, motor vehicles
- wages or operational costs

Exclusions

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined the [Community grants policy](#), we will not fund applications towards alcohol or liquor licences.

Grant schemes, budgets and funding thresholds

Grant schemes

For 2016/2017, we will operate six contestable grants schemes to support the local grants programme:

- Quick response grants – for smaller grant applications
- Local grants – for larger grant applications
- Community gardens – for supporting groups with community garden projects and initiatives
- Neighbours Day – funding to support events that connect their neighbours and turn their streets into neighbourhoods
- Accommodation support – for supporting community groups with their rates, lease payments and venue hire costs from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017.

We will also consider applications for match funding. Match funding is where grants are provided in exchange for the community's 'match' of an equal value in volunteer labour, cash or donated goods and services. Applications will be prioritised and accessed under the same priorities as other grants and equal value will be measured against the market standard.

For more information and criteria about the Quick response, local grants and match funding schemes, please refer to page 34 of the [Community grants policy](#).

Budget allocations

The following table outlines the allocated budget for each of our grants schemes:

Grants scheme	Budget allocation
Quick response and Local grants	\$102,000
Community gardens	\$5,000
Neighbours Day	\$5,000
Accommodation support	\$160,000

Please note that these budget allocations are subject to change.

Funding thresholds

The following table outlines the funding thresholds for each of our grants schemes:

Grants scheme	Minimum amount per application	Maximum amount per application
Quick response	\$500	\$4,000
Local grants	\$4,000	\$10,000
Community gardens	\$250	\$1,000
Neighbours Day	\$100	\$200
Accommodation support	\$2,500	\$20,000

Grant rounds

The following tables outline when funding rounds for our grants schemes throughout 2016 / 2017:

Quick response grants				
Grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decisions made	Project start dates
Round One	4 July 2016	29 July 2016	7 September 2016	21 September 2016
Round Two	26 September 2016	28 October 2016	December 2016 (date TBC)	15 December 2016
Round Three	6 March 2017	3 April 2017	May 2017	1 June 2017

Local grants				
Grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Project start dates
Round One	27 June 2016	22 July 2016	7 September 2016	1 October 2016
Round Two	6 February 2017	3 March 2017	April 2017	1 May 2017

Community gardens and Neighbours Day				
Grant round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Project start dates
Round One	6 February 2017	3 March 2017	March 2017	Late-March 2017

Accommodation support fund for accommodation costs from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017				
Grant round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	
Round One	26 September 2016	28 October 2016	December 2016	

Please note that due to the 2016 Local Government Elections, meeting dates following October 2016 have not been confirmed yet. This document will be updated once the local board confirms their meeting schedule.

Accountability measures

We request that all successful grants applicants and recipients of both contestable and discretionary grants provide the following:

- Photos of the activity are to be provided to the local board
- Invitation to the activity to be extended to the local board
- Speaking opportunity for local board delegate at any event, function, project launch or opening funded
- Inclusion of local board logo on advertising and display of local board branding at events
- Reference to local board funding in any media releases or other communication to the public.

Other local grants programme provisions

Accommodation support fund criteria

Community groups and organisation applying for our Accommodation support fund need to consider the following criteria:

- applicants need to be a community organisation, as outlined in the Community Grants Policy
- accommodation costs applied for are for the period 1 January to 31 December 2017• evidence of the accommodation costs are provided
- the organisation is not the leaseholder of an Auckland Council community lease or community occupancy agreement
- if the applicant is requesting a grant for a venue that has an Auckland Council community lease or community occupancy agreement, the council's approval for the sub-lease or hireage needs to be verified by the applicant.
- the application cannot be for hireage costs of a council managed venue or externally managed council facility
- the organisation is located in the local board area and primarily benefits the residents of the Albert-Eden local board area.
- the organisation has been operating for a full financial year prior to the application date.
- the organisation has provided its last full year financial statements and/or audited accounts.
- the application is not for religious ministry activities
- the organisation is not a political party or the grant requested is not for the purposes of a political party

Multi-board funding

We will consider multi-board funding applications on a case-by-case basis. The applicant will need to clearly demonstrate how the proposal benefits people and communities in the Albert-Eden area.

Discretionary funding

In addition to our contestable grants schemes, we also provide fund discretionary grants toward strategic projects, initiatives or events that align with the priorities of our local grants programme. These grants are allocated through the local board's portfolio work programmes and administered by the relevant departments.

Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions regarding discretionary funding.