

Great Barrier Local Board

Local Grants Programme 2016/17

Our Local Grants Programme aims to provide contestable and discretionary community grants to local communities.

Outcomes sought from the local grants programme

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

- The environment is at its best here
- Infrastructure that fits with our environment
- We have more residents and visitors but we won't lose our way of life

Our priorities for grants

The Great Barrier Local Board welcomes grant applications that align with the following local board plan priorities:

- Priority one - continuing to support island based community groups that provide facilities and services our community values which aren't provided by other agencies or organisations and individuals and groups with no formal legal structure on a case by case basis
- Priority two - continuing to provide capital grants to community groups operating facilities which meet a need in our community and which are open to and regularly used by the community and where relevant, the application prioritises work identified as a priority in the Auckland Council community facilities audit 2016
- Priority three - prioritising grants to community groups for purposes aligned to the outcomes and priorities in the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan
- Priority four - particularly supporting applications which provide evidence of a groups future vision and forward planning, including how it might work with other community groups providing similar services to best utilise scarce local resources
- Priority five - continuing to support projects on private land where the fund allows this and which demonstrate a public good or benefit, particularly in the environment and heritage areas and where there is a financial contribution to the project from the landowner
- Priority six – Infrastructure that fits with our environment eg sustainability for power generation and water and sewage systems

Lower Priorities:

We will also consider applications for other services, projects, events and activities which may be considered a lower priority on a case by case basis e.g. insurance.

The Great Barrier Local Board has identified the following activities as lower priorities:

- activities which are inconsistent with the direction signalled in the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan.
- applications from groups not based on Great Barrier unless the proposal has a significant and/or direct benefit to the island community

The Great Barrier Local Board will take into account if a group has a considerable (relative to the amount applied for) cash surplus, but has identified a specific use for this fund, which means it can't be used as a contribution to the project.

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined the Community Grants Policy, the Great Barrier Local Board will not fund:

- Exclusion one: Retrospective costs. It is important groups plan for funding needs wherever possible
- Exclusion Two: GST will not be funded, if the community group or individual is GST registered.

Note: The Great Barrier Local Board may on a case by case basis, support community organisations providing primary health care or core educational services, where these services are delivered on island by community organisations.

Investment approach

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

- Local Grants

Application dates

Grant rounds for 2016/17 will be as follows:

Local Grants (Community, Capital, Events, Environment and Infrastructure Fund, Natural Heritage Fund, Accommodation Support e.g. rates, rental and leases)

2016/17 funding rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	1 July 2016	29 July 2016	14 September 2016	1 October 2016
Round two <i>Excluding Capital</i>	1 February 2017	3 March 2017	April 2017	1 May 2017

Note: grant rounds will be open for four weeks only.

Accountability measures

The Great Barrier Local Board requires that all successful applicants provide:

- Accountability measure one - the applicant will report back to the local board in a meeting (once accountability form completed)
- A board representative will be allocated to liaise with the applicant and ensure the project has been completed, as per their application

Assessment and prioritisation

The Great Barrier Local Board expects all groups applying for funding to include in the application a copy of the most recent AGM financial statements and a resolution(s) supporting the application unless a good reason for not supplying these is provided.

The board also expects the group's office holder(s) to attend the business meeting where the application is being considered to speak in public forum or to answer questions unless a good reason for not attending is provided.