

Franklin Local Board – Grant Programme 2016/2017

Our local grants programme aims to provide contestable and discretionary community grants to local communities.

Outcomes

Our grant programme will support the following outcomes outlined in our local board plan

- Cherished natural environment
- Thriving local economy
- Excellent transport connections and infrastructure
- Growth in the right place, at the right time
- Proud, safe and healthy communities

Our priorities for grants

Franklin Local Board is keen to support its strategic goals through providing grants to local communities. The local board has developed the following specific objectives to guide applicants.

Events funding

The local board aims to:

- promote environmental responsibility through supporting events that aim for zero waste (reduce, reuse, recycle)
- strongly encourage smoke-free events, particularly those targeting children, young people and their families
- support events that celebrate our distinctive local communities and enable people to come together
- support events which encourage visitors to spend more time in Franklin as a destination
- support events that aim to be financially sustainable and become regular and celebrate part of the Franklin event calendar.

Community funding

The local board aims to:

- support community groups to be effective and contribute to the community, particularly in shaping and developing their areas to be better and safer places
- assist young people to move from school to work or further training.
- support initiatives that celebrate our arts, culture and heritage
- work with local partners to help make the community feel safe

Environmental funding

The local board aims to:

- support local environmental initiatives
- encourage activities that reduce waste to landfill, prevent illegal dumping and preserve the beauty of our environment
- support the prevention of kauri dieback in our native forests
- encourage a weed and pest-free natural environment
- support community initiatives to enhance waterways and the coastline, including beach clean-ups and planting.

War commemoration project funding

The local board aims to:

- support small to medium projects providing permanent structures, including new or partially completed projects that commemorate times of war
- consider supporting upgrades or repairs to existing structures
- support projects on land in public or private ownership.

Criteria:

The board will support projects that meet the following criteria:

- for projects on private land, the requirements are:
 - evidence is provided of public access and public good
 - there will be no ongoing maintenance obligations for council
- partial funding for a project will be provided, not 100% funding. Additional funding to complete the project will be required by the applicant
- the project is not complete - retrospective funding of projects will not be considered.
- funding applications for commemorative events will be redirected to the alternative contestable fund for events for consideration.

School pool funding

The local board aims to:

- support schools to enable them to open their pool to the community over the summer period.

Criteria:

The board will support projects that meet the following criteria:

- steps have been taken to increase usage over summer by the wider community and evidence of increased usage is provided
- water testing is undertaken by a certified person (i.e. has attained the NZQA unit standards in swimming pool water quality)
- a user agreement with at least one community user group/organisation (e.g. learn to swim provider) is in place.

Lower Priorities

The Franklin Local Board has identified the following as lower priorities:

- Travel
- Salaries
- Catering
- Vehicles
- Sports equipment
- Sports uniforms
- Organisations which have a closed membership i.e there is benefit to the members and limited benefit to the wider community

Investment Approach

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

- Quick Response Grants: 50% of the total grant budget per annum
 - Minimum amount per grant \$200
 - Maximum amount per grant \$2,000
- Local Grants 50% of the total grant budget per annum

The Franklin Local Board will support match-funding as part of the Local Grants fund

Application Dates

Franklin Proposed Dates 2016/2017

Contestable Quick Response

| 2016/2017 grant rounds | Opens | Closes | Decision made | Projects to occur after |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Round one | 4 July 2016 | 29 July 2016 | 27 September 2016 | 1 October 2016 |
| Round two | 3 October 2016 | 28 October 2016 | December 2016 (dates tbc) | 1 January 2017 |
| Round Three | 16 January 2017 | 10 February 2017 | April 2017 (dates tbc) | 1 May 2017 |
| Round Four | 13 February 2017 | 10 March 2017 | May 2017 (dates tbc) | 1 June 2017 |
| Round Five | 13 March 2017 | 7 April 2017 | June 2017 | 1 July 2017 |

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World War Commemoration and School Swimming Pool dates

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Accountability Measures

The Franklin Local Board requires all successful applicants to provide a self-review, including how the group achieved its planned outcomes and participation numbers (where able to be quantified), to be supplied to the local board with an accompanying photo of the activity or event.