

## Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme Framework 2016-2017

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### Purpose

The Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme aims to incentivise best practice, increase understanding and encourage community involvement in the care of our regionally significant heritage sites and places. It is dedicated to funding projects that benefit regionally significant historic heritage places and outcomes that are relevant to all of Auckland.

### Funding Outcomes

The Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme will be targeted towards supporting the following outcomes, as outlined in our Auckland Plan, the Long-term Plan, the Auckland Unitary Plan and the draft Heritage Incentives Framework.

- Regulations in the Auckland Unitary Plan are supported by incentives to protect and conserve significant historic heritage places
- Auckland Council, Mana Whenua, community organizations, and property owners work together to support kaitiakitanga and stewardship of historic heritage
- Aucklanders see Council investment in historic heritage
- Historic heritage grants unlock private and community investment in heritage conservation

### Eligibility

The Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme is open to individuals, groups and other organisations that contribute to the protection and improvement of regionally significant historic heritage places, sites or areas.

To be eligible for funding a project must meet criteria for regional significance and contribute to at least one of the funding outcomes. Projects can be undertaken on public, private or Maori land. Places which are owned by Council are not eligible for funding.

### Regionally Funding Eligibility Criteria

- Historic Heritage places that are included in one of the schedules of the Auckland Unitary Plan, including the Historic Heritage Schedule, Sites and Places of Significance to Mana Whenua and contributing buildings within a Historic Heritage Area or Special Character Area.
- Historic Heritage places that are unscheduled but demonstrated to be of regional significance, subject to evidence that the site has interim protection through heritage covenants as well as a letter from the applicants confirming support for scheduling the site under the relevant heritage overlay.
- Movable heritage items subject to evidence that the object would be stored and exhibited within the Auckland region in a manner that will ensure its long-term protection.

## **Priorities for the 2016/2017 Funding Round**

The Regional Historic Heritage grants programme welcomes grant applications that align with the following priorities:

- Conservation of regionally significant historic heritage places
- At-risk historic heritage places
- Supporting kaitiakitanga of Māori cultural heritage
- Heritage and character in town centres

We will also consider applications for other services, projects, events and activities. However, these may be considered a lower priority.

The following activities are identified as lower priorities for this fund:

- Heritage interpretation
- Conservation of moveable heritage (i.e. objects in museums)

## **Exclusions**

In addition to the exclusions outlined in the Community Grants Policy, the Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme will not fund:

- Salaries
- Projects which are inconsistent with the ICOMOS NZ Charter (2010) and/or tikanga Māori (for projects involving Māori Cultural Heritage)

## **Grant allocations**

The Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme has allocated budgets to support the grants programme as follows:

- 'One-off' project grants for standalone initiatives with a maximum amount per grant of \$20,000
- Multi-Year project grants for a period of up to three years for projects with a longer timeframe. Additional application requirements for multi-year funding applications will include a conservation plan for the site or detailed multi-year project plan. Applications for multi-year grants would be considered on a case-by case basis, once the single-year grants are prioritised.

Strategic relationship grants will not be considered as part of this year's funding programme. Potential applicants interested in strategic relationship grants will be register interest which will be kept on file for future consideration and used to understand potential demand for multi-year strategic relationship grants.

## **Match Funding (Applicant Contribution)**

As a funding principle, grants through the Regional Historic Heritage grant programme are provided to leverage the community's 'match' of an equal value in volunteer labour, cash or donated goods and services. While there is no set match requirement for this fund, Council will generally consider a 50% match desirable.

The value of in-kind contributions that are part of a match should be quantified to the extent that it is possible. For example, estimate the hours to be donated, with an indicative hourly rate based on a fair market value for the work that is undertaken.

### Application dates

Applications for project grants will be considered once per year, grant rounds for 2015/2016 will be as indicated in the table below. Each application will be evaluated by heritage staff, who will determine whether the application is complete and the proposed project is eligible. The final grant allocations will be confirmed by the Auckland Development Committee.

	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects commence after
Round one	6 March 2017	7 April 2017	6 June 2017	30 June 2017

### Accountability requirements

All successful applicants to the Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme will be required to provide a report to Council detailing how the grant was used and heritage outcomes. Accountability reporting required would be proportional to the grant awarded and tailored to the nature of the project. Suggested accountability measures are provided below

- **Accountability measure one:** Photographs of the work during construction and at completion
- **Accountability measure two:** Statement from professional engaged confirming that the work was done in accordance with the ICOMOS NZ Charter. If the project involves Māori Cultural Heritage, a representative will be identified at the start of the project to monitor it's adherence to tikanga Māori.
- **Accountability measure three:** (for unscheduled historic heritage): Evidence that the place has interim protection through heritage covenants, as well as a letter from the landowner confirming support for scheduling the place under the relevant heritage overlay. This letter must be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace. Council will cover the costs of covenants and/or scheduling.
- **Accountability measure four:** (for moveable heritage): Evidence that the object will be stored and exhibited within the Auckland region in a manner that will ensure its long-term protection.

By making an application, the applicant and authorizing landowner agree to allow Council access to all relevant areas of the subject property for the purposes of evaluating the proposal and monitoring its outcome. Access requests would be made with reasonable advance notice during normal working hours.

The applicant would agree to Council taking and use photographs of the site for the purposes of publicising the grant programme and promoting good heritage outcomes. The applicant will be given an opportunity to review the photographs and suggest alternatives.

## **Acknowledgment of Council Support**

Grant recipients should give fair and proper acknowledgement of Councils support. This acknowledgement would be proportional to the grant awarded and tailored to the nature of the project and may include

### **Promotional materials and Publicity:**

Council's support for heritage projects could be acknowledged through placement of Councils name and logo on advertising and project promotional material. For projects receiving larger grants it would be recommended recipients displaying signage indicating that work on site was funded by Auckland Council the duration of the project and a number of months thereafter.

### **Public Access/Education:**

For awards of \$10,000 or greater, Council recommends recipients provide a means for the public to experience and appreciate the historic heritage that benefited from the award. The degree of access anticipated is proportionate to the amount of the award, but could include provision for an "open day" or an organized tour that is open to the public. The Heritage Festival is a two week schedule of heritage events across Auckland, and successful applicants are encouraged to participate.

Proposals which incorporate some kind of educational component into the project will receive higher consideration in the selection process. While they often require specialized staff, conservation projects can be opened to students, iwi/hapū, and interested members of the public in a variety of ways. For example, students taking heritage-related papers could be engaged as trainees or interns on the project, giving them a rare opportunity to develop practical skills in the conservation field. Other homeowners could benefit from a simple workshop showcasing the repair of a common building feature, such as a sash window. The applicant could share with other landowners of Māori cultural heritage and other iwi/hapu successful methods of protecting vulnerable sites through on-site wananga.