

Albert-Eden Local Board

Community Grants Programme 2017/2018

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

Outcomes sought from our community 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, [view our local board plan](#) available on the Auckland Council website.

Higher priority

Projects and activities that demonstrate smoke-free programmes

Lower priorities

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
- projects and activities in schools unless the following can be demonstrated:
 - accessibility to the public out of school hours
 - a plan on how the project or activity is open to the community
- catering
- fundraising activities for a group or organisation

Exclusions

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

Please refer to the [Community grants policy](#): “Scope and eligibility” for general eligibility criteria:

- Ineligible applicants – Paragraph 78
- What we won’t fund – Paragraphs 84-86
- Lower priority – Paragraphs 87-88

Grant schemes and funding thresholds

For 2017/2018, we will operate five contestable grants schemes to support the community grants programme:

- Quick response grants – for smaller grant applications
- Local grants – for larger grant applications
- Accommodation support – for supporting community groups with their rates, lease payments and venue hire costs from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

Additional local board schemes

The Albert-Eden Local Board also offer support for the following activities:

Scheme	Description	Contact
Community Gardens	For supporting community garden projects and initiatives with advice, workshops and resources. Applications are open from July 2017 to April 2018.	Gardens 4 Health Phone 09 273 9650 extension 205
Neighbours Day	Funding to support events that connect their neighbours and turn their streets into neighbourhoods. <i>Neighbours Day Aotearoa - visit the official website for inspiration on events.</i>	Auckland Council Community Empowerment Unit Phone 09 301 0101

Match funding

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.

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 the local board directly if you have any questions regarding discretionary funding.

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](#).

Funding thresholds

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 2017 / 2018:

Quick response grants				
Grant round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	19 June 2017	7 July 2017	23 August 2017	1 September 2017
Round two	11 September 2017	25 October 2017	December 2017	1 January 2018
Round three	15 January 2018	23 February 2018	March 2018	11 April 2018

Local grants				
Grant round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	24 July 2017	1 September 2017	25 October 2017	1 November 2017
Round two	18 February 2018	30 March 2018	23 May 2018	1 June 2018

Accommodation grant: for accommodation costs from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019			
Grant round	Opens	Closes	Decision made
Round one	12 February 2018	23 March 2018	23 May 2018

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 community grant 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 July 2018 to 30 June 2019
- 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.