

# Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Strategic Partnerships Programme 2017-2018

## Purpose

To establish a framework for the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Strategic Partnerships Programme for 2017-2018. This programme will enable the local board to co-fund alongside other community funders Maungakiekie-Tāmaki community projects and community groups that support the delivery of the local board's strategic goals and outcomes as detailed in the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan.

This programme is an additional schedule to the Auckland Council Community Grants Policy and is separate from the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board's local grants programme. It provides a strategic layer through partnering with other funders to ensure better support towards potentially larger and longer-term grants that enable groups to plan and build sustainable initiatives for the future. It will also enable the Community Empowerment Unit to work closely with the recipients, to build capacity and capability and to identify networking opportunities. As such, this programme provides a wider range of assistance than the local grants programme.

Funding will be prioritised for community groups who work collaboratively with other organisations, who develop innovative solutions to address identified community needs and outline clear measurable outcomes for achieving them. The total funding pool is \$125,000.

**Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board will co-fund the projects proposed alongside with other community funders. Applicants will need to include in their applications evidence of other funders' commitment (this can be a letter of confirmation or a letter of interest in funding the specific project/initiative).**

The CEU (strategic broker and specialist adviser) will support actively the applicants towards securing additional funding through providing information and funding training sessions and through connecting applicants with relevant funders.

Strategic partnerships with funders will be formed to formalise mutually agreed principles of partnership and to establish the funding mechanisms, including the organisational responsibility in monitoring the applicant's accountability of the funding received.

It is noted that the other funders entering in a strategic partnership with the Maungakiekie Tamaki Local Board to fund a proposed project will need to share the same values with the Maungakiekie Tamaki Local Board. The strategic partnership funding will be interdependent and will ensure that the integrated contribution will generate positive community outcomes better than potential separate funding initiatives.

## Objectives

The objectives of the programme are to:

- foster the identity of local communities, increase community cohesion and build understanding of and participation in local board activities and engagement;
- increase community capacity and capability, and build on sectors of the community;
- activate social enterprise through coaching and providing innovative programmes and initiatives;
- provide co-ordination and co-operation within local communities;
- increase community neighbourhood participation through events and opportunities for community volunteers;
- promote vibrant Maungakiekie-Tāmaki communities, through place-making projects and neighbourhood cohesion;
- promote community wellness through community development principles in all operations and activities.

## Outcomes

This programme supports the delivery of the local board's strategic goals and outcomes in its local board plan. The local board has identified the following activity areas for strategic relationships:

1. Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is an active and engaged community
  - Putting people first
  - Active participation
  - Creating opportunities for our young people
  - A safer community
2. Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is a community that cares about its environment
  - Environmental leadership
  - Clean water and beautiful waterways
  - Heading towards zero waste
3. Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is the place to be
  - A thriving local economy
  - Quality urban environment
  - Destination areas: Onehunga, Panmure, Glen Innes, Sylvia Park and Mt Wellington
4. Maungakiekie-Tāmaki has quality infrastructure to match growth
  - Safe and improved community facilities
  - Good-quality open spaces
  - Better connections and transport infrastructure
  - Keeping up with growth and development

## Criteria

The following criteria will be used when considering community partnerships:

1. Proposals must be able to demonstrate a clear and direct benefit to the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board area.
2. The local board is seeking a geographical balance of applications from throughout the local board area, and is also seeking a balance in terms of the local board plan outcomes to which applications are aligned.
3. Expressions of Interest must show evidence of other community funders' commitment to invest in the project.
4. Expressions of Interest must clearly explain the rationale of a strategic relationship with the local board. This includes:
  - a. the proposed outcomes and benefit to communities within the area;
  - b. the proposal shows evidence of community support and collaboration;
  - c. alignment with local board priorities;
  - d. demonstrating and identifying a community need for the proposal, including any specific initiatives, programmes and events to achieve the outcomes;
  - e. methods to collaborate with other groups in the area and activate the local community.
5. Applicants with proposals considered to be complex or high-risk and those seeking \$20k per year or more will generally need to provide a business case in support of their application.
6. Applicants must be willing to recognise the local board's contribution through use of their logo in printed material and at events, and/or through acknowledgment on social media.
7. Applicants must be able to provide evidence of good financial management, reporting practices and accountability, as well as strong organisational practices.
8. Applicants should be legally constituted not-for-profit community groups, trusts or organisations (i.e. an incorporated society or charitable trust) and be financially sound.
9. Applications from commercial organisations may be considered, provided that any profits made are reinvested in the particular activity to which the funding was allocated. The local board will not fund initiatives with outcomes that are solely or predominantly commercial.
10. There will be no additional exclusions to those set out in the Auckland Council Community Grants Policy.

## **Accountability measures**

In order to ensure that the local board's financial assistance is achieving positive results, recipients will have an obligation to provide evidence that the grant has been used for the agreed purpose and stated outcomes have been achieved.

Accountability measures will be agreed by the local board on a case-by-case basis, depending on the amount of the grant and other factors. These measures will, for the majority of successful applicants, include:

- Reporting on key milestones;
- Proof that funds have been used for the agreed purpose(s);
- Attendance at a workshop of the local board where grant recipients will be invited to provide a verbal update, discuss their progress and answer any questions.

## **Application process**

The local board will run an expression of interest process. This will be a publicly advertised contestable process where applications will be sought for consideration by the local board. These applications will be processed and assessed by staff then presented to the local board with recommendations at a local board business meeting for formal approval of grants.

The local board will make it clear within this process that it reserves the right to make direct approaches to any organisations it wishes and invite expressions of interest from those organisations. Any organisations directly invited by the local board to participate in the process will need to complete the same processes, within the same timeframes and fulfil the same criteria as any other applicant for consideration as part of the contestable process. All applications will be assessed by staff to ensure that the local board has the appropriate advice on which to base its decisions. This assessment will include a workshop with the local board where further information can be requested by the board on particular applications.

Decisions to fund successful applicants will be made by resolution of the local board by which funding will be granted subject to the completion of funding agreements (including accountability measures) by all parties. When allocating funds, the board may also request to work further with successful applicants to finalise the details of proposals prior to signing funding agreements. Once funding agreements are complete, grant recipients will be advised of the date by which agreed accountability measures must be completed for the local board's consideration.