

Rodney Local Board – Targeted Events Grants 2017/2018

Guidelines for Applicants

The Rodney Local Board recognises the vital role that community groups and organisations play in developing strong, sustainable communities. The local board want to build the capacity of community groups and organisations developing and running events and to encourage efforts that give effect to the priorities in the local board plan.

The targeted events grants are aimed at assisting **new events and ideas** to get off the ground by providing initial seed funding with a view to groups and organisations establishing sustainable funding sources within 2-3 years. Event activities must take place within the local board boundaries.

The local board would like to see applicants demonstrate that they are working collaboratively with other community groups with shared interests. In addition groups that have matched funding available to them, or have obtained alternative funding partnerships, may be prioritised over other applications. It is important for groups and organisations to demonstrate their ability to become sustainable and deliver good community outcomes.

Outcomes

The targeted events grant programme is aimed towards supporting the outcomes of the Rodney Local Board Plan 2017. The outcomes are:

- We can get around easily and safely (page 11-12)
- Our communities are influential and empowered (pages 13-14)
- Parks and sports facilities that everyone can enjoy (pages 15-16)
- Our harbours, waterways and environment are cared for, protected and healthy (pages 17-18)
- Arts and culture is vibrant and strong (pages 19-20)

Community empowerment – what does this mean?

<p>1. The event will be initiated and led by local residents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is something that local residents want to do or is the idea coming from social service providers or similar organisations and adaptable to the local board area?
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2. The event will build the ability of local people to do things for themselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it encourage people to take on projects themselves and learn new skills?
3. There will be wide community involvement and benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it share leadership and control with other residents/groups in the community? • Does it provide opportunities for a diverse range of residents to contribute and be involved? • Does it provide learning and development opportunities for local youth?
4. It will increase the sense of community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there new opportunities for local people to connect with each other? • Does it build local community pride? • Does the event bring together the towns and villages of the local board area? • Does the event support the local board's commitment to strengthening relationships with local iwi and providing opportunities for the development and growth of business opportunities?

If you would like to view a copy of the Rodney Local Board please see www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz and enter Rodney Local Board Plan into the search field.

Priorities for Grants

The Rodney Local Board welcomes applications that align with one of more of the following local board plan priorities. You need to include information in your application to explain which priorities are relevant to your application and how the priorities will be supported by your event or activity.

- Our transport infrastructure keeps pace with the needs of our communities. Our growing townships have the same choices for quality public transport as the rest of Auckland. Communities have access to walkways, bridleways and cycleways. Our roads are well maintained.
- Our communities influence local decision-making. They are empowered and enable to act and take the lead on community projects and in the planning for their areas. Community groups and residents partner with the council and others to identify and deliver what is best for them.

- Our local parks and sports facilities cater to a wide range of sporting and recreational interests. They are easily accessible, connecting our towns, villages and growth areas. Our parks are enjoyable places to visit and relax or be active in.
- Our harbours and rivers and streams that feed them are healthy and thriving natural marine environments. Our stormwater and wastewater services are reliable, well maintained and environmentally friendly, minimising downstream environmental impacts. There is minimal sediment and silt flowing into our waterways from new developments and earthworks.
- Local facilities that are the heart of our communities. They are well used and cared for by communities that manage them. The diverse range of activities run by our communities create a rich and accessible arts and culture scene.

Young People

The Rodney Local Board is committed to increasing engagement and participation from young people. They want more young people to have a say in decisions that affect them and they would like to see more young people involved in community activities. The local board encourages funding applications that are designed and delivered by young people.

Limitations

Applicants must provide information on any other funding they have applied for, which other funding mechanisms are to be used and identify how they will utilise their own funding or in-kind contributions to support the event.

Funding available is limited and priority will be given to applications for new event concepts and events that can demonstrate collaboration with other groups and organisations or events which develop youth capabilities.

Generally, the following proposals will not qualify or be considered for financial support:

- Activities that do not relate to the local board outcomes
- Applications for events outside of the local board area
- Commercial business enterprises – unless there is a community fundraising benefit which can be proven
- Commitment to ongoing funding or financial support
- Applications to subsidise rentals, reduce debt loadings or the payment of rates
- Applications for the purpose or subsidy of alcohol or costs associated with staging after-match functions

- Grants for the sole purpose of an individual
- Family reunions
- Prizes of give-aways at events
- Portable electronic equipment / IT equipment
- Retrospective projects
- Vehicles or fuel costs
- Payment of legal fees and/or regulatory fees including resource and building consent fees
- Churches or religious institutions

Lower Priorities

The Rodney Local Board has identified the following activities as **lower priorities**:

- Salaries
- Travel
- Catering
- Ticketed events (where participants pay to enter)

Investment approach

The Rodney Local Board has allocated budget to support the targeted events programme as follows:

\$30,000	Minimum amount per grant:	\$ 2,000
	Maximum amount per grant:	\$10,000

Application dates

\$12,000 of this fund has already been allocated in the 2017/18 financial year, leaving \$18,000 to be allocated through the following funding rounds:

Funding Round	Opens	Closes	Decision Made
Round Two	1 November 2017	20 November 2017	December 2017
Round Three	1 February 2018	20 February 2018	March 2018

Accountability measures

The Rodney Local Board requires that all successful applicants meet the following accountability measures.

- Completion of the on-line accountability form within 3 months from the conclusion of their event, that information to include:
 - How the objectives of the grant were met

- How the local board was acknowledged in all related advertising, media and communications
- Event income and expenditure budget
- Photographs (maximum of 6) which graphically depict the event.

Now new applications will be considered from the grant recipient unless the grant recipient has completed **all** accountability measures from any previous grants received from either the Rodney Local Board or Auckland Council.

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