

Great Barrier Local Board

Grants Programme 2019/2020

Our Grants Programme aims to provide contestable community grants to local communities.

Great Barrier Island is unique in the Auckland region and its needs are different to elsewhere. Almost all of the on-island community facilities and services that would on the mainland be operated by Auckland Council are, on Great Barrier, privately provided by local groups. The result of this is that the local board, through its discretionary grant budgets, is a key funder of many community facilities and services on Great Barrier Island.

Outcomes and our priorities for grants

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the outcomes outlined in our 2017 local board plan. The Great Barrier Local Board welcomes grant applications that align with the following local board plan priorities:

- Our people thrive and life is good
 - We support our community groups to do their good work
 - We celebrate and look after our island's culture and heritage
 - We recognise and celebrate the uniqueness of our local communities
 - We support life-long learning
- Our environment is protected and enhanced
 - We lead our region in ecological health
 - We will continue to support the island to achieve off the grid self-sufficiency and invest in infrastructure that safeguards us
 - We continue to reduce, reuse and recycle on our pathway to zero waste
 - We will work towards marine protection around our coastline
 - All our freshwater streams will be healthy
- Our infrastructure is future-proofed
 - We can get around our island in a safe and enjoyable way
 - We will work to improve freight and transport affordability and efficiency
 - Our communities will have cellphone and internet coverage
 - Smarter housing opportunities will be explored
- Our economy is sustainable and prosperous
 - We will continue to work for local jobs for local people
 - Our beautiful island is a desired destination
 - More goods and services are promoted and supplied locally
 - Local employment and business opportunities will be increased

Higher priority

- Projects or activities which have zero-waste messages and practices.

Lower priorities

We will also consider applications for other services, projects, events and activities which may be considered a lower priority on a case by case basis.

The Great Barrier Local Board has identified the following activities as lower priorities:

- activities which are inconsistent with the direction signaled in the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan.
- applications from groups not based on Great Barrier unless the proposal has a significant and/or direct benefit to the island community.
- Commercial entities unless significant community benefit can be demonstrated

The Great Barrier Local Board will take into account if a group has a substantial cash surplus (relative to the amount applied for), unless the surplus has a specific purpose, which means it can't be used as a contribution to the project.

Exclusions

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined the Community Grants Policy, the Great Barrier Local Board will not fund:

- Retrospective costs. It is important groups plan for funding needs wherever possible.
- GST will not be funded, if the community group or individual is GST registered.
- Insurance costs.

Note: The Great Barrier Local Board may on a case by case basis, support community organisations providing primary health care or core educational services, where these services are delivered on the island by community organisations.

Investment approach

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

- Local Grants
- Capital Grants (Capital Grants Guidelines follow below)

Capital grants

Continuing to provide capital grants to community groups and marae operating facilities which meet a need in our community and are open to and regularly used by the community.

Application dates

Grant rounds for 2019/2020 will be as follows:

Capital grants and local grants (arts and culture, community, events, environment, heritage and sports and recreation. Accommodation support e.g. rates, rental and leases falls under the community focus in local grants.)

2019/2020 Grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Capital and Local Grant Round One	17 June 2019	26 July 2019	17 September 2019	1 October 2019
Capital and Local Grant Round Two	10 February 2020	20 March 2020	19 May 2020	1 June 2020

Capital Grants Guidelines

Great Barrier Local Board recognises the vital role that local community facilities play in developing a strong, vibrant and engaged community and has established a capital grants fund to support capital projects associated with community facilities on Great Barrier Island.

Applicants will need to read the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan before submitting an application. This can be viewed online at www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/localboardplans, picked up from the Auckland Council service centre, or ordered from the call centre on 09 301 0101.

Please reference your organisation's section in the 2019 Great Barrier Island Community Facilities Report, if applicable, to demonstrate that your funding request aligns with your group's longer-term, strategic planning.

Criteria for Great Barrier Local Board Capital Grants

The Great Barrier Local Board will allocate grants based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Applications will only be accepted for projects which result in the creation or improvement of a capital asset at or associated with a community facility on Great Barrier Island that is available for community use. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to the following:
 - Buildings, structures, plant, services, infrastructure or equipment
 - Upgrades or refurbishments to existing facilities
 - New or upgraded alternative power systems, low energy appliances and equipment, rainwater collection systems, provision of safe drinking water, upgrade of septic and sewage systems
- Applications must provide evidence that the facility for which a grant is sought is available for use by the community and a record of such use over the preceding 12 months unless the facility hasn't been operating during that period.
- Applicants must demonstrate alignment with the outcomes in the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2017 and the amount granted may reflect the extent to which the project aligns with the local board plan.
- Applicants must hold (or be able to obtain) insurance for the asset being applied for.
- Where a building or resource consent is needed this must also be obtained prior to the grant being released although advance funding to enable this can be provided if specified in the application.
- Where paid project management assistance is required the amount of this must be included in the application.
- Applicants must contribute a percentage of the project cost in cash, labour or materials, with the percentage increasing as the cost of the project increases as follows:
 - Up to \$5000 = 5 percent
 - \$5001-\$10,000 = 7.5 percent
 - Over \$10,001 = 10 percent
- Grants of up to \$50,000 only may be approved. More than one application per group can be made.
- Where a grant over \$10,000 is approved this may be paid in stages with later payment amounts based on the project meeting agreed milestones.
- Projects or activities which have zero-waste messages and practices will be given higher priority.
- There is a preference for two quotes, where practical

Note: Capital projects previously funded by the local board, must be completed, before a community group can apply for another grant, unless justification can be given as to why they are needing to complete another project.

Application deadlines: Please refer to the application dates table above in the Grants Programme, or Auckland Council's website: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/grants>

Accountability measures

The Great Barrier Local Board encourages all successful applicants to report back to the local board in a meeting (once the accountability form has been completed). A local board representative will be allocated to liaise with the applicant and ensure the project has been completed, as per their application.

Assessment and prioritisation

The Great Barrier Local Board expects all groups applying for a grant to submit a copy of the most recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) financial statements and resolutions unless a good reason for not supplying these is provided.

The local board also expects the group's grant applicant(s) to attend the business meeting where the application is being considered to speak in a public forum and answer questions unless a good reason for not attending is provided.