

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Grants Programme 2019/2020

Our Local Grants Programme aims to provide contestable and discretionary community grants to local communities

Outcomes sought from the local grants programme

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the following outcomes, as outlined in our local board plan:

- People actively protect the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area
- Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced
- Local communities feel good about where they live
- People experience local arts and culture, and recognise our heritage.

Our priorities for grants

The Waitākere Ranges Local Board welcomes grant applications for projects, events and activities that align with one or more of the following priorities:

People celebrate, enhance and protect the Waitākere Ranges heritage area's special character

- Create greater awareness of the values and heritage features of the heritage area and help residents and visitors understand their duty of care for the fragile heritage area
- Support mana whenua and local communities to protect, and tell the stories of, cultural and historic sites of importance
- Promote, preserve and restore our distinctive historic and cultural places.

Protect and enhance our unique natural habitats

- Protect marine and coastal environments, and support ecological protection and restoration initiatives for our vulnerable native species
- Enable community-based weed and animal pest control on public and private property
- Implement Kauri dieback awareness raising and action
- Improve water quality in coastal lagoons and harbours
- Carry out weed removal, focusing on areas identified in the [Waitākere Ranges Strategic Weed Plan](#)
- Inspire and support residents and visitors to make everyday sustainable living choices and reduce factors that contribute negatively to climate change.

Local communities are resilient, empowered and connected

- Organise community events and activities that celebrate our diverse local identities and bring people together
- Support our communities to be healthy and safe and people feel that they are valued, connected and belong
- Encourage people to enjoy community spaces, parks, sports and recreation facilities
- Promote healthy lifestyle choices and provide sporting opportunities
- Inspire the community to be more active and make best use of our walkways and cycleways
- Empower young people to realise their full potential and develop their leadership talent and job skill set
- Enable and support Mana whenua and mataawaka to achieve their aspirations.
- Support communities to lead their own place-making initiatives.

People experience local arts and culture, and recognise our cultural and historic heritage

- Support arts and cultural activities that create a sense of place, interest and local identity
- Promote arts programmes that include emerging talent and creatives
- Value and support our talented local artists and showcase their work
- Increase opportunities for Maori arts and cultural expression
- Protect key local sites of cultural and historic importance and tell their stories
- Hold heritage events which celebrate the past, present and future.

Note:

- These priorities relate to the local board outcomes outlined in the [Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2017](#)
- All applications are expected to demonstrate how their project will positively contribute to one or more of the local board plan outcomes
- All applications will be assessed on their own merits.

Higher Priority for support

- Waitākere Ranges Local Board will prioritise applications which commit to the smokefree policy and healthy food provision for events and projects
- The local board will also support applications which encourage waste minimisation and endorse zero waste practices.

Lower priority and exclusions

In addition to eligibility criteria outlined on the Community Grants Policy, Waitākere Ranges Local Board will not fund events that promote a brand or company advertising alcohol or fast food, particularly if the event has children and young people participating.

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

Investment approach

The Waitākere Ranges Local Board has identified the following grant types:

- Quick Response Grants: maximum amount per grant up to \$1,500
- Local Grants: grants over \$1,500

Application Dates

Grant rounds for 2019/2020 will be as follows:

Quick Response

2019/2020 grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round One	7 October 2019	1 November 2019	December 2019	15 December 2019
Round Two	13 April 2020	8 May 2020	June 2020	1 July 2020

Local Grants

2019/2020 grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	3 June 2019	5 July 2019	22 August 2019	1 September 2019
Round two	17 February 2020	27 March 2020	May 2020	1 June 2020

Multi-board funding

Waitākere Ranges Local Board will also consider funding multi-board grant applications in collaboration with other local boards. Applicants will need to clearly demonstrate how their intended project, event and/or activities will specifically benefit people and communities in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.

2019/2020 Multi-board grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	3 June 2019	19 July 2019	22 August 2019	1 September 2019
Round two	20 January 2020	13 March 2020	May 2020	1 June 2020

Accountability Measures

The Waitākere Ranges Local Board requires that all successful applicants:

- Complete and submit accountability report by the due date, proving that the grant has been used to deliver the set outcomes and objectives
- Provide all required receipts and sufficient photos for the implemented activities on the grant's accountability report
- Include local board logo on publicity and signage and display of Waitākere Ranges Local Board branding whenever appropriate in accordance with Council's brand guidelines
- Acknowledge the Waitākere Ranges Local Board as a supporter in media releases or other communication to the public
- Extend an Invitation to the local board members for any event or function funded.