

Franklin Local Board – Grant Programme 2017/2018

Our local grants programme aims to provide contestable and discretionary community grants to local communities.

Outcomes

Our grant programme will support the following outcomes outlined in our local board plan

- Cherished natural environment
- Thriving local economy
- Excellent transport connections and infrastructure
- Growth in the right place, at the right time
- Proud, safe and healthy communities

Our priorities for grants

Franklin Local Board is keen to support its strategic goals through providing grants to local communities. The local board has developed the following specific objectives to guide applicants.

Events funding

The local board aims to:

- promote environmental responsibility through supporting events that aim for zero waste (reduce, reuse, recycle)
- strongly encourage smoke-free events, particularly those targeting children, young people and their families
- support events that celebrate our distinctive local communities and enable people to come together
- support events which encourage visitors to spend more time in Franklin as a destination
- support events that aim to be financially sustainable and become regular and celebrate part of the Franklin event calendar.

Community funding

The local board aims to:

- support community groups to be effective and contribute to the community, particularly in shaping and developing their areas to be better and safer places
- assist young people to move from school to work or further training.
- support initiatives that celebrate our arts, culture and heritage
- work with local partners to help make the community feel safe

- support small to medium war commemoration projects providing permanent structures, including new or partially completed projects that commemorate times of war

Environmental funding

The local board aims to:

- support local environmental initiatives
- encourage activities that reduce waste to landfill, prevent illegal dumping and preserve the beauty of our environment
- support the prevention of kauri dieback in our native forests
- encourage a weed and pest-free natural environment
- support community initiatives to enhance waterways and the coastline, including beach clean-ups and planting.

Waterways protection fund

The local board aims to:

- support projects that will protect and enhance the natural environment and improve water quality in the Mauku Stream priority catchment.

Criteria:

The board will support projects that meet the following criteria:

- applicants are landowners, community and environmental groups located or operating in the priority catchment.
- activities or work that has not yet started or been completed (no retrospective funding).
- projects on privately-owned land involving fencing off the stream, wetlands, seeps and drains.
- works relating to the fencing, such as enabling alternative water supplies for livestock needed as a consequence of the fencing.
- environmental weed control and restoration planting using eco-sourced plants within fenced-off areas.
- fifty per cent of the project cost to be funded by applicants, including an in-kind contribution or contribution by other donors.

Refer to the “Franklin Local Board Waterway Protection Fund Guidelines” for more specific requirements and assessment criteria.

Coastal rescue services fund

The local board aims to:

- support the provision of sea rescue services and survival skills training.

Criteria:

The board will support projects that meet the following criteria:

- local volunteers providing effective sea rescue services to the community including:
 - vessel expenses outside of rescue events e.g. training costs
 - vessel accommodation expenses
 - contribution to equipment replacement
 - crew training and venue expenses

- Public education activities to improve beach and boating safety for visitors and residents including:
 - vessel focused programmes
 - risk and hazard focused programmes
 - survival skills programmes

Note: learn to swim programmes are funded through other channels and applications for these programmes will not be accepted.

School pool funding

The local board aims to:

- support for additional operational costs incurred by schools such as pool chemicals and provision of keys to enable them to open their pool to the community over the summer period.

Criteria:

The board will support projects that meet the following criteria:

- steps have been taken to increase usage over summer by the wider community and evidence of increased usage is provided
- water testing is undertaken by a certified person (i.e. has attained the NZQA unit standards in swimming pool water quality)
- a user agreement with at least one community user group/organisation (e.g. learn to swim provider) is in place.
- requests for capital grants such as a new pump are outside the funding criteria and will not be considered.

Not normally funded

The Franklin Local Board has identified the following as lower priorities:

- Travel
- Salaries
- Catering
- Vehicles
- Sports equipment

- Sports uniforms
- Organisations which have a closed membership i.e there is benefit to the members and limited benefit to the wider community

Investment Approach

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

- Quick Response Grants: 50% of the total grant budget per annum
 - Minimum amount per grant \$200
 - Maximum amount per grant \$2,000
- Local Grants 50% of the total grant budget per annum

The Franklin Local Board will support match funding as part of the Local Grants fund

Application Dates

Franklin Dates 2017/2018

Contestable Quick Response

2017/2018 funding rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	03 July 2017	28 July 2017	22 August 2017	1 September 2017
Round two	02 October 2017	27 October 2017	28 November 2017	1 December 2017
Round Three	26 February 2018	23 March 2018	24 April 2018	1 May 2018

Contestable Local Grants

2017/2018 funding rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	26 June 2017	04 August 2017	26 September 2017	1 October 2017
Round two	26 March 2018	04 May 2018	26 June 2018	1 July 2018

School Swimming Pool Fund

2017/2018 funding rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	3 July 2017	28 July 2017	22 August 2017	1 September 2017

Waterways Protection Fund

2017/2018 funding rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
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Coastal Rescue Services Fund

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Accountability Measures

The Franklin Local Board requires all successful applicants to provide a self-review, including how the group achieved its planned outcomes and participation numbers (where able to be quantified), to be supplied to the local board with an accompanying photo of the activity or event.