

Great Barrier Local Board

Local Grants Programme 2017/2018

Our Local Grants Programme aims to provide contestable and discretionary 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 – from objectives
 - 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

Lower priorities and exclusions:

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 e.g. insurance.

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.

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

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.
- Goods and Services Tax (GST) will not be funded, if the community group or individual is GST registered.

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.

Capital grants specific:

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

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)

Application dates

Grant rounds for 2017/18 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.)

2017/18 grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round two	12 February 2018	23 March 2018	15 May 2018	1 June 2018

Accountability measures

The Great Barrier Local Board encourages all successful applicants to report back to the local board in a meeting (once accountability form completed). A 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 funding to include in the application a copy of the most recent AGM financial statements and resolution(s) supporting the application unless a good reason for not supplying these is provided.

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

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.

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 etc.
- 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 2014 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.
- Capital Grants is a part of the current Great Barrier Local Grants Programme 2017/2018 and subject to criteria within this programme and the Community Grants Policy. This programme should be read in conjunction with these capital grants guidelines.

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