

Waiheke Local Board – Local 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

The Waiheke Local Board recognises the vital role that community groups and organisations play in developing diverse, strong, inclusive, connected and sustainable communities.

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the priorities in our Local Board Plan – such as environmental, cultural, arts, community development, recreational and heritage initiatives, and supporting our youth.

We aim to assist groups to provide activities, projects, programmes, initiatives, and events that make a positive contribution within our local board area.

Our priorities for grants

The Waiheke Local Board welcomes grant applications that align with the following local board plan priorities:

- young people – supporting youth-centred initiatives that build engagement, resiliency and transitions to adulthood
- community elders – meeting the needs of the ageing population
- the environment – restoring and protecting our natural environment
- culture and arts – creating a sense of identity and cohesion that reflects the island's identity
- social cohesion – ensuring a resilient and connected community
- recreation and sport – helping our communities lead active and healthy lifestyles
- heritage – protection and conservation.

Higher Priorities for grants

- collaboration with other community organisations
- gaining other sources of funding for a project or event, from businesses or community
- local procurement

Lower Priorities for Local and Quick Response Grants

We will also consider applications for other services, projects, events and activities.

However, these may be considered a lower priority.

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

- commercial entities and promotion of commercial entities
- ticketed events
- activities that primarily benefit communities outside the Waiheke Local Board area
- activities that primarily benefit a third party (e.g. activity to gain money for an organisation)

- grants to support that purchase of or maintenance associated with motor vehicles
- wages or operational costs
- individuals with projects on private land
- individuals applying without nominating an umbrella organisation

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

- Exclusion One: alcohol
- Exclusion Two: applications for Liquor licenses

Criteria for Local and Quick Response Grants

Grants applications need to meet the following criteria:

- the project is working towards zero waste
- has a level of interaction with local business
- includes support for local procurement
- promotes Waiheke as a destination
- brings together community groups
- collaborating with other events/working in conjunction with other groups
- supports community-led activities using local facilities
- captures a wide demographic and encourages intergenerational diversity
- accessible to the community and/or schools (e.g. early bird specials)
- delivery of a smoke-free programme
- encourages active transport
- collaborates with mana whenua and mataawaka

Waiheke Environmental Grants:

The local board aims to support and grow community and landowner conservation efforts and environmental initiatives within the Waiheke Local Board area.

Grant outcomes:

- Outcome 1. Islands, coastlines, forests, wetlands and marine areas are flourishing and protected.
- Outcome 2. Our community is engaged with their natural environment and is actively involved in the care, protection and restoration of their environment.
- Outcome 3. Community projects follow good practice and achieve long term benefits.
- Outcome 4. Contributes towards resolving global environmental issues.

Who can apply?

Grants are available to all community groups, environmental groups and landowners operating within the Waiheke Local Board area.

Applications are accepted for work on private land or public land.

In addition to the higher priorities for grants, the environmental grant round will prioritise material costs associated with environmental projects (e.g. plants, fencing material, and equipment) and for projects which enhance sites with high biodiversity values.

Investment approach

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

- Quick Response Grants:
 - minimum amount per grant: \$500
 - maximum amount per grant: \$2000
- Local Grants:
 - minimum amount per grant: \$2,000
 - maximum, generally up to \$4,000
- Environmental Grant:
 - minimum amount per grant: \$2,000
 - maximum amount generally up to \$10,000 per grant
 - includes a requirement for applicant contribution (financial, in-kind or voluntary labour) towards project costs

Accountability measures

The Waiheke Local Board requires that all successful applicants provide:

- Accountability measure one: Accountability forms must be completed and submitted by the due date, proving that grants have been used for the right purpose.
- Accountability measure two: Any grant money that is unspent and not used for the project must to be returned to Council.
- Accountability measure three: Recognition of the Waiheke Local Board's support of your initiative.
- Accountability measure four: An invitation to the funded project, programme, activity or event should be extended to the members of the board, where appropriate.

Application dates

Grant rounds for 2019/2020 will be as follows:

Quick response grants				
Round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
One	7 October 2019	1 November 2019	12 December 2019	16 December 2019
Two	20 April 2020	15 May 2020	25 June 2020	1 July 2020

Local grants

Round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
One	24 June 2019	2 August 2019	26 September 2019	1 October 2019
Two	10 February 2020	20 March 2020	28 May 2020	1 June 2020

Multi-board

Round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
One	3 June 2019	19 July 2019	26 September 2019	1 October 2019
Two	10 February 2020	27 March 2020	28 May 2020	1 June 2020

Waiheke environmental grant

Round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
One	24 June 2019	2 August 2019	26 September 2019	1 October 2019