

Franklin 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](#) 2017:

- enhance, protect and maintain our diverse natural environment
- support a thriving local economy
- empower community and improve people's quality of life.

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:

- support local events that celebrate Franklin's unique identity
- support events which encourage visitors to spend more time in Franklin as a destination
- support events that aim to be financially sustainable and become a regular part of the Franklin event calendar
- support events that celebrate our distinctive local communities and bring people together.

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

- support initiatives that celebrate our arts, culture and heritage, and help create a vibrant local art scene
- preserve and promote our unique cultural and historic heritage
- encourage healthy lifestyle choices and provide sporting opportunities for the community
- provide plentiful choices of recreation and entertainment for the community
- ensure young people have clear pathways from school to work
- explore Franklin's tourism potential and Increase tourist numbers and visitor spend in Franklin.

Environmental funding

The local board aims to:

- support local environmental initiatives that enhance and protect our environment
- encourage activities that reduce waste to landfill 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.
- promote and support community initiatives that aim for zero waste.

Franklin 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.

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

Franklin Coastal Rescue Services Fund

The local board aims to support the provision of sea rescue services, including surf lifesaving 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
 - 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 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.

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
- School Swimming Pool Grants
 - Minimum amount per grant \$200
 - Maximum amount per grant \$2,000
- Franklin Waterway Protection Fund
 - Fifty per cent of the project cost to be funded by applicants, including an in-kind contribution or contribution by other donors.

Higher priorities

- Franklin Local Board will prioritise applications which adhere to [Smokefree Policy](#); especially for events and activities held on local board administered parks and reserves.
- the board will also support events and activities which promote waste minimisation and endorse Zero waste practices.

Lower priorities and exclusions

In addition to eligibility criteria outlined on the Community Grants Policy, Franklin Local Board will not ordinarily fund the following items:

- travel
- salaries and wages
- 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.

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

Application Dates 2019/2020

Grant rounds for the 2019/2020 financial year will be as follows:

Quick Response

Funding rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	7 October 2019	1 November 2019	10 December 2019	16 December 2019
Round two	13 April 2020	8 May 2020	23 June 2020	1 July 2020

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Funding rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	17 June 2019	26 July 2019	17 September 2019	1 October 2019
Round two	17 February 2020	27 March 2020	26 May 2020	1 June 2020

Franklin Waterways Protection Fund

Funding round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	16 September 2019	20 October 2019	10 December 2019	16 December 2019

Coastal Rescue Services Fund

Funding round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	13 April 2020	8 May 2020	23 June 2020	1 July 2020

School Swimming Pool Fund

Funding round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	17 June 2019	26 July 2019	17 September 2019	1 October 2019

Multi-board applications

Franklin 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 Franklin Local Board area.

Funding rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	3 June 2019	19 July 2019	17 September 2019	1 October 2019
Round two	10 February 2020	27 March 2020	26 May 2020	1 June 2020

Accountability Measures

The Franklin Local Board requires that all successful applicants to:

- complete and submit the accountability report online by the due date, proving that the grant has been used to deliver the set outcomes and objectives
- provide all required invoices and sufficient photos for the implemented activities.
- include local board logo on publicity and signage and display of Franklin Local Board branding whenever appropriate in accordance with council's guidelines
- acknowledge Franklin Local Board as a supporter in events, media releases or any other communication to the public.