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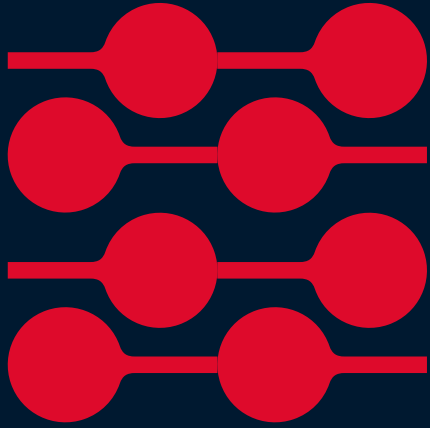
## Te Komiti Hapori/ Community Committee

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**Sport and  
Recreation  
Facilities  
Investment Fund  
Framework  
FY 2026 – FY 2028**



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# Introduction

## Purpose of this document

This document sets out the framework within which the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund will be administered during financial years 2025/2026 to 2027/2028. This framework provides a grant-delivery model which has two branches:

- A contestable funding process
- A targeted funding process

## About the fund

The Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund (SRFIF) was established in 2019 to support the development of sport and active recreation facilities that create opportunities for Aucklanders to get active.

Auckland Council recognises the important role that non-council facilities play in serving Auckland's sport and recreation sector.

The Long-term Plan 2024 – 2034 allocated \$150 million over 10 years, with an additional \$35 million of funding over three years (FY26-FY28), making a total SRFIF budget of \$185 million.

The fund provides grant investment in non-council facility projects to:

- address sport and recreation infrastructure shortfalls.
- respond to changing participation preferences.
- deliver value-for-money by leveraging third-party investment.
- get more Aucklanders more active more often.

Between financial years 2026-2028, delivery of targeted and contestable SRFIF funding rounds will be guided by this framework document.

## Auckland Council policy context

The Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund Framework is informed by the following Auckland Council policy and strategy documents:

The [Auckland Plan 2050](#) Belonging and Participation outcome, Focus Area 7: *Recognise the value of arts, culture, sport and recreation to quality of life.*

The 'Infrastructure' priority in the [Auckland Sport and Recreation Strategic Action Plan 2014-2024](#) (ASARSAP), notably initiative 7.2: *Provide quality fit-for-purpose facilities at regional, sub-regional and local levels for informal recreation and sport.*

The [Increasing Aucklanders' Participation in Sport: Investment Plan 2019-2039](#) (IAPISIP) which sets out the council's objectives and investment approach for sport over the next twenty years.

The ASARSAP and IAPISIP policy documents are intended to be superseded by a new policy, *Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy*, which is currently in development. This SRFIF framework aligns with the strategic directions and investment principles in the draft strategy as it currently stands. The SRFIF Framework can be reviewed once the *Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy* has been adopted.

The [Community Grants Policy 2014](#) guides the allocation of local and regional grants. The policy defines contestable grants, discretionary grants and out-of-scope grants. The SRFIF contestable process meets the definition of a ‘contestable’ grant, and the SRFIF targeted funding process is identified as ‘out-of-scope’ because it involves grants to capital development of key regional infrastructure and/or community facilities in partnership with community organisations.

## Previous investment and leverage

Since its establishment in 2019, the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund (SRFIF) has allocated more than \$57 million to support 79 sports and recreation projects across Auckland.

In previous funding rounds, the SRFIF allocated the following sums:

- 2018/19 - \$5,000,000
- 2020/21 - \$9,933,940
- 2021/22 and 2022/23 - \$15,368,800
- 2023/24 - \$13,040,000
- 2024/25 - \$13,402,152

The allocation of council funds frequently empowers grant recipients to raise additional funds from third-party funders to meet their total project costs. To date, grants from SRFIF have contributed an average of 33 per cent of the total project costs for recipients. Attracting third-party funds remains a key focus of the SRFIF.

## Long-term Plan 2024-2034

In June 2024, the Governing Body approved the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 which gave direction on changes to the SRFIF including:

- increase in the Sports and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund \$35 million over three years to address the deficit in indoor sports facilities in Auckland.
- Spend more strategically to achieve the necessary infrastructure improvements.
- Avoid spreading funding too thinly.
- Leverage additional sources of funding, prioritise key areas and facilitate aggregation.

# Changes to the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund

## Key changes

In response to the LTP direction, this new framework effects key changes to the SRFIF:

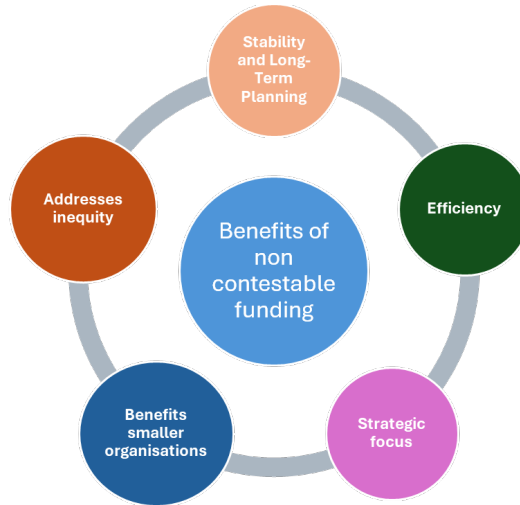
- Additional \$35 million from 2026 – 2028 to address the deficit of sports facilities in Auckland.
- Introduction of a targeted non-contestable funding element to the SRFIF alongside the existing contestable process.
- Community engagement to identify facility network shortfalls in priority areas to maximise community outcomes and develop strategic community partnerships.
- Prioritise partnerships with existing and future non-council facilities in the network (e.g. Ministry of Education and schools) to share facilities with the community.
- The Tāmaki Makaurau Sport and Recreation Facility Priority Plan will be used to help inform decisions on capital investment.

Many aspects of the SRFIF will remain unchanged from the previous funding rounds, including eligibility, priority outcomes and funding ‘gateways’. Decision-making on both the contestable and targeted funding processes will remain with the Community Committee.

## Targeted (non-contestable) funding process

The new framework introduces a targeted non-contestable funding process to run alongside the contestable process.

A non-contestable funding model, where funds are allocated directly without competition, offers several advantages to the community and achieves the objective of getting more Aucklanders’ more active, more often outlined in the [Increasing Aucklanders’ Participation in Sport: Investment Plan 2019-2039](#).



**Stability and long-term planning:** It provides projects with financial certainty, enabling sports organisations to plan for long-term development, raise funds from third-parties and invest in grassroots programmes and infrastructure.

**Efficiency:** It reduces administrative overheads associated with competitive funding, allowing organisations to focus more on core activities like training and outreach.

**Strategic focus:** Funding can be proactively aligned with broader goals, such as improving access to sports in communities of need or promoting diversity.

**Support for smaller organisations:** It ensures equitable support for smaller or less-established sports bodies, promoting growth across diverse sports.

**Addressing inequity:** Ensuring emerging sports and or communities of greatest need receive or have access to funding.

## Community partnership development

The framework directs council staff to address facility provision gaps by proactively seeking partnership with community organisations.

Council will engage with the community to identify and develop key facility partnership opportunities. Communities that have significant needs for sport and recreation facilities and which are identified as high-priority areas with facility network shortfalls will be engaged with to build strategic community partnerships. These partnerships will assist potential projects (e.g. community-led, council supported projects, mana whenua, etc.) to navigate through the construction process to create beneficial outcomes.



## Indoor court shortage and Ministry of Education partnerships

Currently, there is a significant shortage of indoor sports facilities in the Auckland region. As outlined in the [National Indoor Active Recreation and Sport Facilities Strategy](#), the current 'demand benchmark for full time indoor courts' (based on 1 court per 7,800 population) stands at 224 indoor courts. The Auckland region currently has 151 indoor facilities, which leaves a shortfall of 73 indoor facilities. This number will increase to a shortfall of 117 indoor facilities by 2038 based on current population growth projections.

Existing Ministry of Education (MoE) school facilities may not be fully utilised after school hours, or they may be planning to expand their indoor sports capacity. By partnering and pooling resources Auckland Council and MoE could maximise utilisation of existing indoor facilities and thereby reduce duplication, and / or the need for expensive capital expenditure (building new buildings).

It is unlikely that this shortfall in indoor facilities can be addressed by 2038, however by prioritising projects that include indoor facilities and identifying potential partnerships with Ministry of Education / school owned indoor facilities this could go some way to reducing the shortfall.

## Funding process

The SRFIF funding process has two branches:

- contestable funding process – to ensure breadth of access to funding for community-led facility projects.
- targeted funding process – to expedite the highest priority projects

Both contestable and targeted processes are subject to the same:

- eligibility criteria (see below)
- priority outcomes criteria (see pages 9-12).
- achievability requirements
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi considerations
- climate and sustainability considerations
- funding gateways
- decision-making authority to allocate SRFIF grants will be made by the Community Committee (or relevant committee).

## Eligibility criteria

Eligibility for the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund will be guided by the [Community Grants Policy Guidelines](#).

The following groups will be eligible to be considered for funding:

- Community groups with a sport and/or recreation focus, e.g., sports clubs, community facility trusts.
- National or regional sport and recreation organisations.

- Iwi, schools, universities or religious organisations (wanting to provide community access to their sport and recreation facilities).
- Commercial entities may apply for grants in certain circumstances (including where partnership investment can be leveraged, and community participation outcomes are significant).

To be considered for funding, all applications must meet the required eligibility criteria:

- The applicant is a formally constituted organisation with a recognised legal structure.
- The proposed facility delivers a community sport and/or active recreation outcome.
- An objective needs assessment has been completed that outlines a demonstrable need for the proposed facility.
- The funding request is for the purpose of facility planning or development.
- The proposed funding model to deliver this stage of the project is achievable.
- A project funding plan that includes estimated total project cost, cost per stage (e.g., per Gateway), funds already spent on the project, funds committed/secured, pending applications, potential funding sources.

### **Not eligible for this fund**

The following will not be eligible for the fund:

- Facilities with no community sport and/or active recreation benefit.
- High performance or early childhood facilities (unless that component of the project is paid for by another funder and/or, is complimentary to community access outcomes and financial sustainability).
- Facility maintenance or staff costs.
- Events or programming costs.
- Retrospective funding of projects.
- Applications to undertake needs assessments.
- Debt repayment.
- Auckland Council and/or Council Controlled Organisations applying for council-owned assets.

### **Applications from groups using council-owned assets**







Due to the varying ownership models of existing sport and recreation infrastructure, council may consider applications from organisations seeking the upgrade of, or extension to, council-owned sport and recreation assets they access, such as sports fields, pools, outdoor courts, indoor courts, water access, and other assets.

The merits of those applications will be considered using the same funding priority lens as applications for non-council assets (as set out below) with particular focus on: the impact on identified facility network gaps; addressing inequity in provision; availability of other council funding sources; and, the absence of funding leverage.




### Priority outcomes criteria

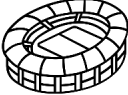
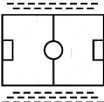
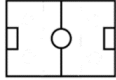









The fund applies a wide range of criteria to accommodate potential applications for the wide range of sport and recreation facilities required to serve Auckland communities. The intention is to ensure Auckland Council investment provides for the greatest number of people possible and meets the changing needs of the community. Investment will provide a basic level of provision of fit-for-purpose sport and recreation facilities to support community sport and recreation.






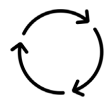
Multiple criteria will be considered to allow for a diverse range of projects to present themselves for SRFIF investment. It is expected that projects will present a mix of high medium and low-priority characteristics, but successful applications will need to align with multiple high-priority criteria within the tables below:

People & Community Priorities		
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
<p><b>Communities of greatest need</b> I.e., Communities who have limited capability to access social and economic resources and opportunities compared to the general population.</p> 	<p><b>Communities of some need</b> Communities who are able to access some social and economic resources and opportunities compared to the general population.</p> 	<p><b>Communities of least need</b> Communities who can readily access social and economic resources and opportunities compared to the general population.</p> 
<p><b>Strong benefit to Māori</b> Projects led by Māori, strongly supported by Māori and/or develop facilities that will help Māori be more active.</p> 	<p><b>Some Māori outcomes</b> Projects that develop facilities that will help Māori be more active.</p> 	<p><b>No specific benefit to Māori</b> Projects that develop facilities that deliver no specific benefit to Māori activity levels.</p> 

<p><b>Inactive communities</b> Projects that will have a significant impact on insufficiently active communities (low participation in sport and recreation), including but not limited to high deprivation communities, females, tamariki and rangatahi and disability groups.</p> 	<p><b>Insufficiently active communities</b> Projects that will have a moderate impact on inactive/low-participant communities.</p> 	<p><b>Highly active communities</b> Projects serving highly active communities that have a limited impact on inactive/low-participant communities.</p> 
<p><b>High participation</b> High participation sports or, emerging sports with high growth potential.</p> 	<p><b>Medium participation</b> Medium participation sports or, emerging sports with medium growth potential.</p> 	<p><b>Low participation</b> Low participation sports or, emerging sports with low growth potential.</p> 
<p><b>Partnerships</b> Projects involving partnerships between community groups with evidence of significant participation impact.</p> 	<p><b>Single use</b> Investment in single code or single use facilities with evidence of significant participation impact.</p> 	<p><b>Limited access</b> Investment in projects that deliver private benefits or, have minimal participation impact.</p> 

Infrastructure Priorities		
HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
<p><b>Core infrastructure</b> Indoor facilities, courts, fields, playing surfaces, structures and lighting that is central to sport and recreation participation.</p> 	<p><b>Ancillary infrastructure</b> Toilets, changing rooms, equipment storage and carparking that enables safe and sanitary access for participants and spectators.</p> 	<p><b>Incidental infrastructure</b> Such as clubrooms and administration facilities that is not required for sports participation but exist for social and management purposes.</p> 

<p><b>Regional infrastructure</b> Regional facilities offer specialised community sport and active recreation facilities serving the entire Auckland region. Usually, large facilities with sufficient capacity to serve regional demand.</p> 	<p><b>Sub-regional infrastructure</b> Sub-regional facilities serve a significant number of users from a catchment of 10km or more. Often well-known destination facilities in their area, and/or are the only facility of their type in the area.</p> 	<p><b>Local infrastructure</b> Facilities that are primarily used by users within a catchment of 10km.</p> 
<p><b>Construction</b> Applicants seeking funding for the capital development stage of their project. (Funding Gateway 3)</p> 	<p><b>Design &amp; consent</b> Applicants seeking funding for the design and consent stage of their project. (Funding Gateway 2)</p> 	<p><b>Investigation &amp; analysis</b> Applicants seeking funding for the investigation (e.g. feasibility or business case) stage of a project. (Funding Gateway 1)</p> 
<p><b>Sustainable and low impact project</b> Project has put in place several ambitious measures to prevent or reduce impacts on climate and the environment across the whole lifecycle of the project. The potential adverse effects of the project are likely to be mostly mitigated.</p> 	<p><b>Sustainability of the project could be improved</b> Measures to prevent or reduce impacts on climate and the environment do not cover all key areas of impact (or are not proportionate to the size of the impact) and the project would still result in potential adverse effects on the environment.</p> 	<p><b>Poor environmental performance</b> Project has not considered their impact on climate and the environment or, there are limited or no mitigations in place.</p> 
<b>Strategic &amp; Financial Priorities</b>		
<b>HIGH</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>LOW</b>
<p><b>Strong strategic alignment</b> Projects that have been prioritised in key national or regional strategies (e.g., local board plans, sport facility plans, etc.).</p> 	<p><b>Some strategic alignment</b> Projects that are able to demonstrate significant potential impact where a key national or regional strategy does not exist.</p> 	<p><b>Little/no strategic alignment</b> Projects that are not considered to be a priority in key regional strategies (e.g., local board plans, sport facility plans, etc.).</p> 

<p><b>Significant leverage</b> Partnership projects able to leverage over two dollars for every dollar requested, allowing more of the facilities Auckland needs to be built more quickly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>&gt; 2 : 1</b></p>	<p><b>Moderate leverage</b> Partnership projects able to leverage over one dollar for every dollar requested, allowing more of the facilities Auckland needs to be built more quickly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>&gt; 1 : 1</b></p>	<p><b>Low leverage</b> Partnership projects able to leverage less than one dollar for every dollar requested from this council Fund.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>&lt; 1 : 1</b></p>
<p><b>Large scale</b> Facility development projects with a total capital cost of more than \$2,000,000.</p> 	<p><b>Medium scale</b> Facility development projects with a total capital cost of more than \$500,000.</p> 	<p><b>Small scale</b> Facility development projects with a total capital cost of less than \$500,000.</p> 
<p><b>No subsidy</b> Projects requiring no ongoing operational funding from Council.</p> 	<p><b>Start-up subsidy</b> Projects requiring some operational funding or start-up funding from Council.</p> 	<p><b>Ongoing subsidy</b> Projects requiring significant ongoing operational funding from Council.</p> 

### Investment Principles

Scoring of potential projects against the SRFIF priority outcome criteria is weighted according to the investment principles outlined in [Increasing Aucklanders' Participation in Sport: Investment Plan 2019-2039](#):

- Equity (40 per cent of assessment): ensures equity of outcomes across the population regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status or location.
- Outcome-focused (30 per cent of assessment): there is a clear 'line of sight' between the investment and the outcomes it delivers.
- Financial sustainability (20 per cent of assessment): projects need to be financially viable and affordable for the public.
- Accountability (10 per cent of assessment): investment should be efficient, effective, transparent and consistent.

## Achievability

All projects will be assessed on their achievability – that is, the genuine likelihood of completion and delivery of the intended benefits to the community. This assessment is based on capability of the applicant relative to the project, a realistic fundraising plan, construction costs, operating model and ensuring the facility is fit-for-purpose.

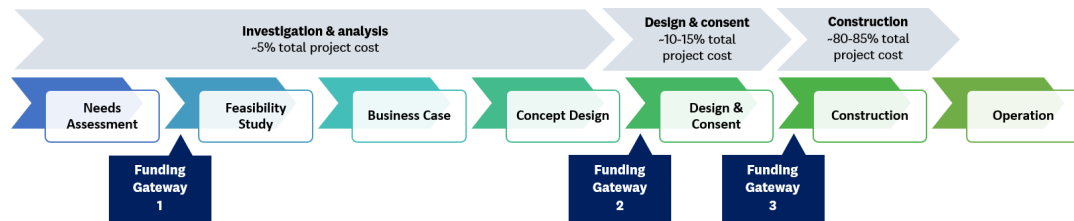
## Funding gateways

There are three funding ‘Gateways’ through which projects can be considered for funding. These entry points are aligned with the key fundraising stages community groups must navigate when planning and developing a sport and recreation facility.

- Funding Gateway 1: Investigation & Analysis
- Funding Gateway 2: Design & Consent
- Funding Gateway 3: Construction

The intention of the gateways is to focus project proponents on completing necessary work at the right time and focus SRFIF investment into the work that needs to be done next.

The diagram below shows the phases and stages of any project.



Please note: SRFIF is not available for the initial stage (needs assessment).

## Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations

### Why this matters

Te Tiriti o Waitangi is our nation’s founding document and recognises the special place of Māori in Aotearoa. We are committed to engaging and working with Māori in ways that are consistent with Te Tiriti.

Auckland Council is committed to honouring our Te Tiriti obligations through respecting rangatiratanga, tikanga and mātauranga Māori and celebrating Tāmaki Makaurau’s unique Māori identity.

This investment approach will honour Te Tiriti and align with the draft *Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy* by focusing on:

- **Rangatiratanga** – the duty to recognise Māori rights of independence, autonomy and self-determination.
- **Partnership** – the duty to interact in good faith with a sense of shared enterprise and mutual benefit.

- **Active protection** – the duty to proactively protect the rights and interests of Māori.
- **Mutual benefit** – recognising that both Māori and non-Māori should enjoy benefits and share in the prosperity of Aotearoa. This includes the notion of equality in different areas of life.
- **Options** – recognising the right of Māori to choose their direction.
- **The right of development** – the active duty to assist Māori in developing resources and taonga for economic benefit.

### What this looks like

- The Fund needs to be able to support kaupapa Māori facilities as defined and identified by mana whenua.
- Resourcing should be available to more broadly support mana whenua to self-manage the life of assets that are both mana whenua owned, and on council land where mana whenua has an interest.
- Resource is required to support mana whenua to navigate through the early project stages and council's consent/procurement process.
- We invest to ensure that Māori in Tāmaki Makaurau enjoy the same level of open space and sport and recreation opportunities as other Aucklanders.
- We invest to deliver on our existing commitments to mana whenua and mataawaka in Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau – Tā mātou anga hei ine I te tutukitanaga o ngā putanga Māori, our Māori outcomes framework.
- We respect rangatiratanga, including by investing in by-Māori-for-Māori solutions, actively building the capacity and capability of mana whenua and mataawaka, and continuing our commitment to co-governance and co-management under Te Tiriti.
- Partner with mana whenua to co-design our spaces and places to ensure they are welcoming and promote and protect tikanga, taonga, and mātauranga Māori.

### Climate change and sustainability

Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan is our roadmap to a zero-emissions, resilient and healthier region that is better connected to our environment and able to thrive in the face of ongoing change and disruption. The SRFIF seeks to respond to the challenges outlined in the Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri, particularly under the Built Environment, Natural Environment, Transport and Communities & Coast Priorities.

SRFIF invests in sports facilities which are exposed to the risk of climate change and are hubs for activities which contribute to carbon emissions. Development of sport and recreation facilities can impact on carbon emissions through construction and demolition, embodied emissions in materials used, and ongoing operating of the facilities.

To minimise the impacts of investments on climate and ensure that facilities will be future fit, applications will be assessed against a sustainable and low impact design criteria. Additionally, the investments will be assessed against the five directions of the draft Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy, if adopted. Directions include “Enhance our response to climate disruption” and “Protect and enhance our environment, biodiversity and heritage”.



Council will consider climate change in the investment into sport and recreation facility build projects through:

- Prioritising investment into projects which demonstrate future climate impacts have been considered and addressed (i.e. location of facility in relation to climate risks, such as in flood plains, coastal areas or close to cliff edges).
- Prioritising investment into facilities that include green technology and energy reduction and efficiency features (i.e. water tanks, solar panels, green roofs, fuel switching (e.g. gas boiler to electric heat pump) etc).
- Prioritising investment into facilities where there is a commitment demonstrated by the organisation that the activities it will house will not lead to an increase in emissions (i.e. reduced participant travel by private vehicles, electric vehicles or carpooling strategy etc).
- Prioritising investment into facilities that have considered the surrounding environment to the facility (i.e. tree planting, stormwater treatment devices etc).

## Contestable process

In the contestable funding process:

- funding rounds will be advertised in advance,
- applications will be submitted within advertised opening and closing dates,
- any eligible organisation has an equal opportunity to be considered for a grant,
- clearly defined processes will be applied to all applications, and
- final allocation decisions are made by the Community Committee (or relevant committee).

The contestable process that has guided SRFIF investment into facilities since 2020 has significant benefits for applicants and Auckland Council. This process will continue to be used to:

- Identify projects that council was not previously aware of
- Fund renewals
- Undertake Investigation & analysis (Gateway 1) works
- Conduct Design & consent (Gateway 2) and construction (Gateway 3) works that are not considered for the targeted process funding (e.g. still indicate they are capable and the project is achievable)
- Identify high-priority projects that enter the pipeline and could be considered for future targeted process funding.

Guidelines for each contestable funding round will be published on the Auckland Council website prior to applications opening. These guidelines will set out all the dates, criteria and processes applicable to that funding round.

## Targeted process

The targeted funding process will be used to align SRFIF investment with projects that Auckland Council has identified as highest priority.

The targeted process will prioritise projects that have strong strategic alignment, particularly those specifically referenced in the below plans:

- Local Board Plans
- Local Board Sport and Active Recreation Facility Plans
- Tāmaki Makaurau Sport and Recreation Facility Priority Plan
- Auckland Regional Code Facility Plans
- A key national or regional strategy plan (or equivalent strategic document)

Entry to the targeted funding process will be by invitation. There are three pathways for identifying which projects should be included in the targeted process:

### Entry Pathway 1

Projects identified by Auckland Council, that have previously received SRFIF funding and have completed obligations as per their funding agreement. The project must also continue to align with the funding priorities and criteria.

### Entry Pathway 2

Projects, identified by Auckland Council, that have not previously applied to the SRFIF, but align with the funding priorities and criteria, and are also engaged in partnerships of significance. For example, Ministry of Education, marae, etc.

### Entry Pathway 3

A community of need, identified by Auckland Council and/or sector partners such as Aktive, that meets the investment priorities in this Framework. Council will work with community groups and mana whenua to develop a partnership to navigate through the early project stages and council's consent/procurement process and ensure our support is catered to the needs of the groups.

Invitation to the targeted process is not itself a guarantee of funding. A separate resolution from the Community Committee (or relevant committee) will be required to allocate a SRFIF grant. Council staff will work closely with these targeted projects to support them through the phases of development and make funding recommendations to the Community Committee.

## Future funding rounds

The allocated LTP budget includes the additional \$35 million over financial years (FY) 2026-2028, phased over the following years:

	FY26 (\$m)	FY27 (\$m)	FY28 (\$m)
SRFIF	\$13.8	\$14.1	\$14.3
Additional \$35m	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$15.0
<b>Total per year</b>	<b>\$23.8</b>	<b>\$24.1</b>	<b>\$29.3</b>

## Distribution of funds between the contestable process and the targeted process

The Long-term Plan 2024 – 2034 (LTP) provides direction on targeted investment and leverage “while the council cannot fund the entire network of sports facilities required by Aucklanders, it should avoid spreading its funding too thinly. Efforts should be made to leverage additional sources of funding, prioritise key areas, and facilitate aggregation” (LTP 2024-2034, Vol 2, Pg 279)

Aligned with this direction, the contestable and targeted process portions of funding will be assessed and distributed based on need and priority and will be distributed strategically to achieve the necessary infrastructure improvements and priorities of council.

The targeted process will most likely target large scale projects, that will have significant impact on the sports facility network and therefore the larger proportion of the budget will be allocated to the targeted process.

The amount allocated through the targeted process is expected to vary from year to year based on the needs and priorities of projects ready to receive funding. The intent is to allocate approximately 70% of the available budget. The remaining funds will be designated for the contestable process.

All projects will be expected to leverage additional sources of funding and use the SRFIF as a part-funder for the total project costs, often as ‘cornerstone funding’.

There is also a need for financial flexibility between funding rounds based on the timing of high-priority projects that will be assessed on a round-by-round basis.

## Decision-making

Projects will be presented to the Community Committee (or relevant committee) on an annual basis for final funding decisions.

There will be two funding allocations each financial year: one for the targeted process and one for the contestable process. All elements of the SRFIF (contestable and targeted) will follow a rigorous process to ensure risks are mitigated and funding is allocated to projects aligned with the priorities and outcomes outlined in this framework.

Both contestable and targeted processes will include the following steps:

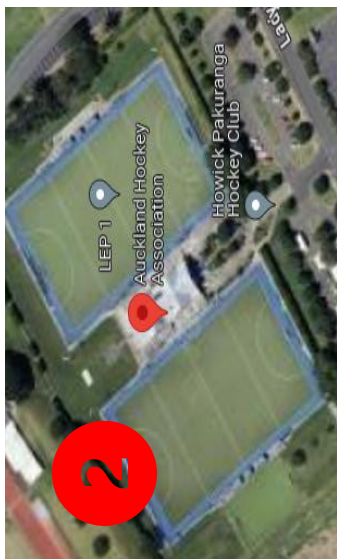
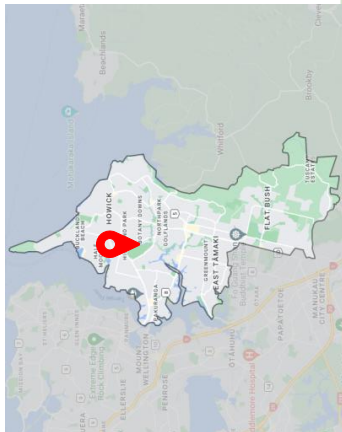


**Auckland Hockey Association Incorporated:  
Lloyd Elsmore Park Turf #2 – renewal of turf and lights**

**Summary**

To complete renewal of turfs and floodlights, up to **\$215,000**.

Previous SRFIF allocation	\$350,000
<b>Recommended SRFIF, Targeted allocation</b>	<b>\$215,000</b>
Total SRFIF Investment	\$565,000
Total project cost	\$722,068
Total SRFIF contribution %	78%



**Project information**

This project is the second stage of renewal projects at the two-turf hockey facility at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga.

**Stage One:** 2019 - March 2023 (Completed). Building, grandstand/concrete resurfacing and repairs, Turf One playing surface renewal, LED Floodlight and scoreboard upgrade and water, electrical, kitchen extraction/equipment replacements – total cost circa \$1.39M.

**Stage Two:** Summer (Mar/Apr) 2025: - Turf Two renewal of 13-year-old turf (typical life cycle is 10 years) - LED Upgrade of decades old and near obsolete floodlights.

Future stages will include; grandstand strengthening, building roof replacement, floodlight pole replacements.

Facility enables significant participation, much of which will be lost if Turf 2 is no longer in use. Turf Two needs to be renewed immediately as the surface has now become unplayable. Due to the high priority nature of the project, the quick turnaround needed and Auckland Hockey's current financial position, an allowance has been made to fund a higher percentage than usual. The renewal can begin once funding is secured (resource and building consents not required).

**Impact – participation**

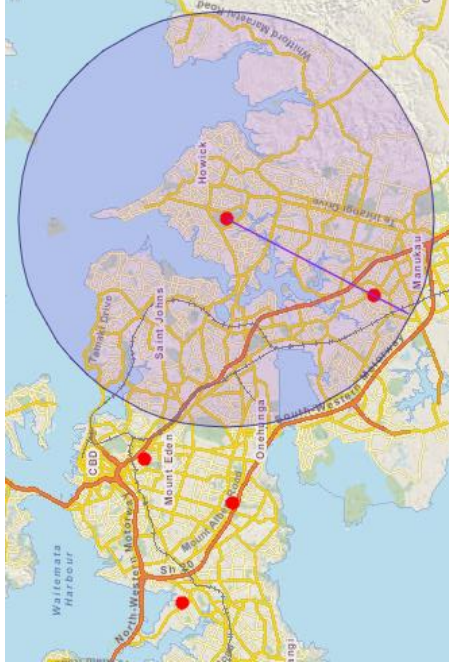
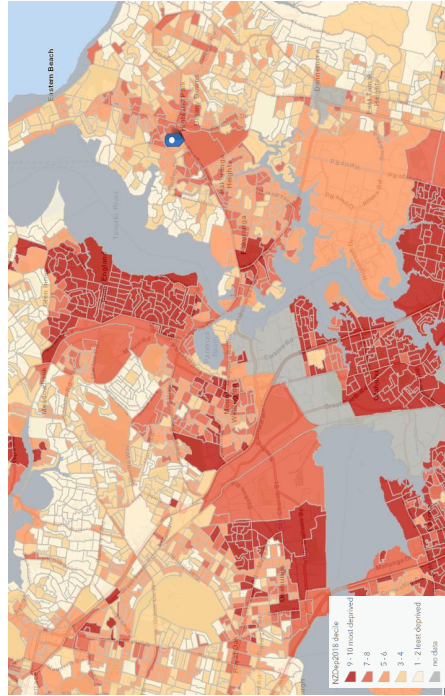
Home of Auckland Hockey, representing a regional centre and community hub for over 12,350 hockey participants Auckland-wide. Currently 2 x existing Hockey Turfs, with seasonal variance in operating hours. Turf 2 is at end-of-life and in poor condition. Renewal project to prevent loss of capacity & maintain existing provision.

**Auckland Hockey Association Incorporated:  
Lloyd Elsmore Park Turf #2 – renewal of turf and lights**

**Impact – catchment**

The AHA facility at Lloyd Elsmore Park directly services Howick local board area - low deprivation. However, as a sub-regional facility many users will travel from across Auckland to get there. Broadly, the facility also serves Maungakiekie-Tāmaki and Orākei LBs, and the eastern sub-division of Franklin region.

Network includes nearest turfs at Kolmar (8.1km, Ōtara-Papatoetoe LB) and Mt Roskill Grammar School (13.5km, Puketāpapa LB). Radial catchment analysis shows the strategic importance of this sub-regional facility to the network.



Deprivation of facility location (NZDep2018)

10km radial catchment analysis

	Aotea Great Barrier	Māngere- Ōiāhuhu	Ōtara- Papatoetoe	Manurewa	Papakura	Henderson- Massey	Maungakiekie- Tāmaki	Whau	Puketāpapa	Waitematā Ranges	Waikāte Rangies	Franklin	Iberit- den	Kaipātiki	Rodney	Howick	Waheke	Orākei	Levonport- Takapuna	Hibiscus and Bays	Upper Harbour
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Population in deprivation 8, 9, or 10	93k	68,32k	69,45k	69,18k	30,09k	59,28k	36,57k	32,89k	19,11k	20,36k	9,46k	11,32k	12,67k	7,72k	5,35k	10,11k	37k	3,17k	1,61k	2,83k	1,47k

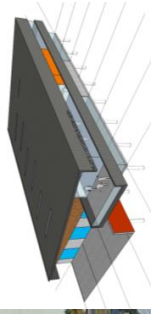
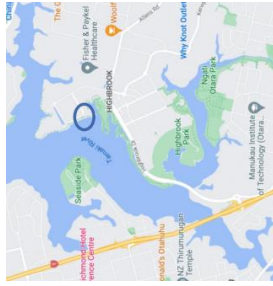
Local Board of facility  Local Board in catchment

**Highbrook Regional Watersports Centre Trust  
Highbrook Watersports Centre Clubhouse building**

**Summary**

For construction of a watersports facility, up to \$2,200,000 or 60 per cent of total project costs, whichever is less.

Previous SRFIF allocation	\$3,450,000
<b>Recommended SRFIF, Targeted allocation</b>	<b>\$2,200,000</b>
Total SRFIF Investment	\$5,650,000
Total project cost	\$9,400,000
Total SRFIF contribution %	60%



**Project information**

Design and construction of a two-level clubhouse to provide a watersports venue for youth in the southern sub-region on the Tāmaki River. The foundation stage ("table-top") was majority funded by Auckland Council in August 2024 (\$3.1M), and construction will start in Q1 2025.

The next stage will involve construction of the clubhouse building – commencing, if funding allows, immediately following completion of the table-top in Q3 2025. The cost of the clubhouse build will be circa \$6.7M. The trust is seeking approximately 90% funding from SRFIF.

Sub-regional facility serving South Auckland catchment which will increase watersport capacity in the network and provide storage, training facilities and clubhouse for Rowing, Waka-Ama and Canoe sports.

**Impact – participation**

The creation of a new facility is expected to increase participation with both school-age rangatahi, adult, and masters athletes. Anecdotally existing clubs based on the Tamaki River are at capacity, having to curtail recruitment initiatives and turn away new members.

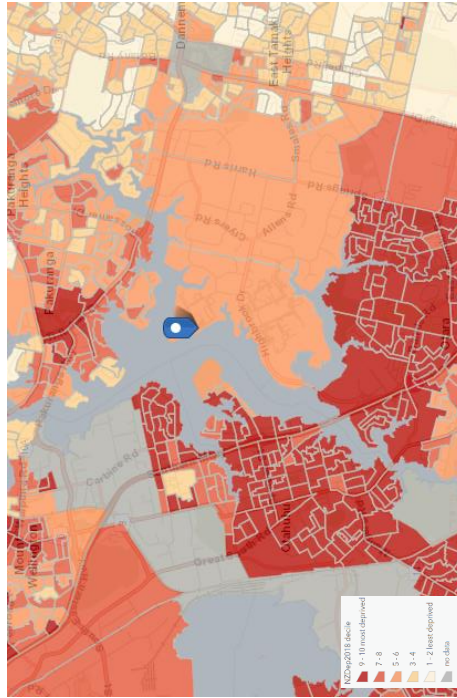
Estimated of over 22,500 usages of rowing, waka-ama, and canoeing/kayaking.

**Highbrook Regional Watersports Centre Trust  
Highbrook Watersports Centre Clubhouse building**

**Impact – catchment**

Highbrook Regional Watersports Centre is located within the boundaries of the Howick local board and bordering Otara-Papatoetoe, Mangere-Otahuhu and Maungakiekie-Tamaki local boards. Total catchment includes low, medium and high deprivation communities. Significant service to high deprivation 'communities of greatest need'.

The accessible location of the facility and its ability to cater for a variety of watersports will provide opportunities for a wide catchment of participants from a variety of socio-economic communities.



Deprivation of facility location (NZDep2018)

	Aotea Great Barrier	Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	Ōtara-Papatoetoe	Manurewa	Papakura	Henderson Massey	Maungakiekie-Tamaki	Viawa	Pukeāpapa	Waiatarā Ranges	Franklin	Albert-Eden	Kapāhiti	Rodney	Howick	Ōrākei	Devonport-Takapuna	Hibiscus and Bays	Upper Harbour		
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Population in deprivation 8, 9, or 10	93	68,325	69,452	69,184	30,092	59,286	36,578	32,899	19,118	20,366	9,488	11,326	12,674	7,723	5,355	10,119	372	3,127	1,610	2,832	1,475

10km radial catchment analysis



Known similar facilities in area

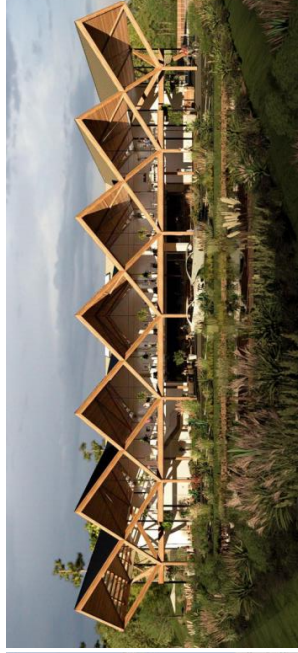
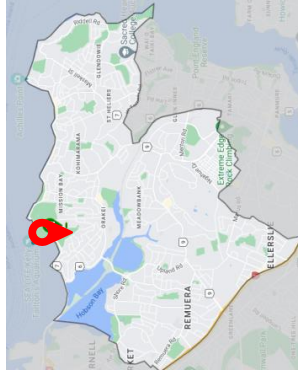
Local Board of facility  Local Board in catchment



**Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Whai Maia Ltd (acting on behalf of Whai Maia Charitable Trust 1)  
Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Sport and Recreation and Hauora Centre (SRHC)**

**Summary**

- A. Funding up to **\$600,000** or 33 per cent of design and consent costs, whichever is less.
- B. Conditional upon the parties (Council and Whai Maia Charitable Trust 1) agreeing to design of the facility, funding up to **\$5,000,000** towards construction of a second indoor court.



Previous SRFIF allocation	\$150,000
<b>Recommended SRFIF, Targeted allocation</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
Total SRFIF Investment	\$5,750,000
Total project cost	TBD
Total SRFIF contribution %	N/A

**Project information**

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei proposes to fund and build a one-court facility at Okahu Bay, and has agreed to expand to two courts if Auckland Council would pay for construction of the second court and contribute to operating costs. The facility would include a fitness centre & supporting spaces, amenities such as cafeteria & changing rooms. The facility would be available for community access.

**Impact – participation**

The Centre is aiming to achieve 2,000 hours court use per court (annually) by Year 5 of operation.

Other goals by the 5-year period include:

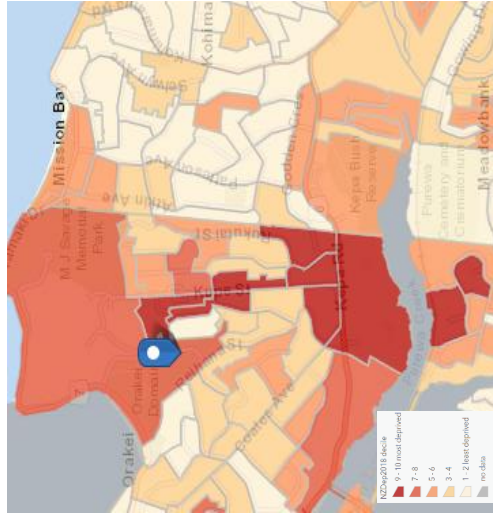
- 1,350 equivalent full time gym memberships
- Offering 24 weekly group fitness classes
- Estimated annual visitation of 210,000 based on a 2-court facility – please see page 106 of the Business Case for estimate basis
- Active programming will occur for social leagues for 20% of the total court time and to foster participation of target groups including rangitahi, tamariki, and kaumatua.

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**Impact – catchment**

The facility serves a wide network of local community and surrounding local boards.

Directly, the facility serves all participants in a low deprivation area, however surrounding areas are all medium deprivation. Due to the high volume of users here there is a wide variation in communities of greatest need scale.



Deprivation of facility location (NZDep2018)

10km radial catchment analysis

● Known similar facilities in area

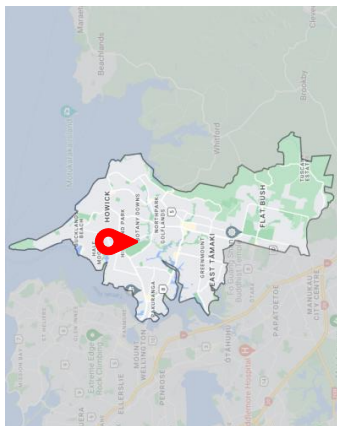
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Local Board of facility      Local Board in catchment

**Pakuranga United Rugby Club Incorporated  
Howick Pakuranga Community Sports Centre Facility Expansion**

**Summary**

For construction of additional indoor courts, up to **\$5,571,061** or 60 per cent of total project cost, whichever is less.



Previous SRFIF allocation	\$2,673,939
<b>Recommended SRFIF, Targeted allocation</b>	<b>\$5,571,061</b>
Total SRFIF Investment	\$8,245,000
Total project cost	\$13,894,214
Total SRFIF contribution %	60%



**Project information**

Pakuranga United Rugby Club Incorporated (PURC) plan to extend their badminton hall to develop a flexible, multi-sport facility at Lloyd Elsmore Park. This development will extend the building footprint by 3,746sqm, adding two (2) full sized, flexible, multi-marked basketball courts plus an expanded gymnasium, additional toilets, changing room facilities and new reception, administration and storage areas. The expansion will also provide dedicated shared spaces for partnering clubs, including Lloyd Elsmore Park Badminton Club, East Volleyball Club and Howick Pakuranga Baseball Club. Reflecting its multi-sport approach, the expanded facility will be named the Howick Pakuranga Community Sports Centre. The project has obtained Resource Consent (March 2024), landowner approval (Aug 2024), applied for Building Consent (Dec 2025) and secured an Agreement to Lease (Jan 2025). Construction start is anticipated in Q3 2025, with a 9-12 month build time, subject to raising 100% of the required funding.

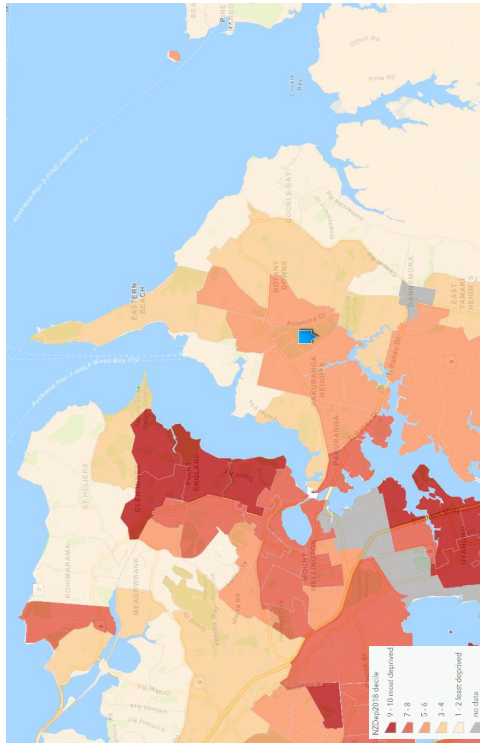
**Impact – participation**

The applicant reports the facility currently attracts over 126,000 users per annum - 3 people per court x 11 courts x 320 hours per month availability x 12 months = 126,720 unique visits/uses, most of which relate to badminton. The applicant anticipates that with the additional multi-marked court spaced the facility will attract 300,000 unique uses across badminton, basketball, volleyball, futsal and netball. This includes the use of non-court facilities (eg. gymnasium and dedicated sports area) by other users and codes such as neighbouring baseball.

**Pakuranga United Rugby Club Incorporated  
Howick Pakuranga Community Sports Centre Facility Expansion**

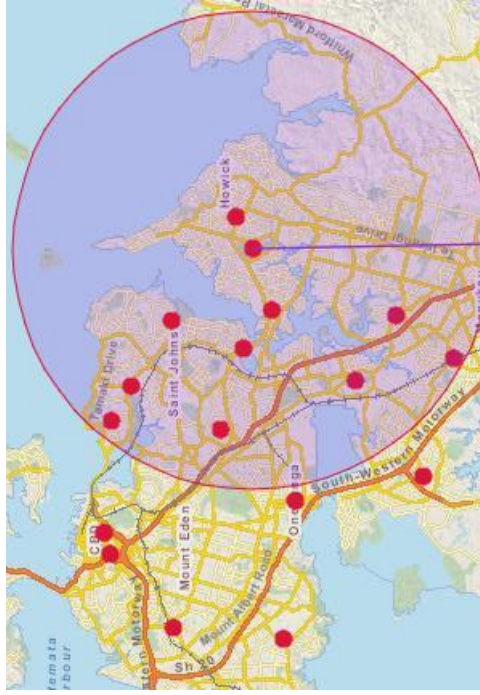
**Impact – catchment**

The facility will directly service the Howick Local Board area which is a lower deprivation area, however players will likely travel from outside the local board area including Otara-Papatoetoe, Manurewa and Mangere-Otahuhu, given high demand and a shortfall of indoor courts across codes.



Deprivation of facility location (NZDep2018)

	Aotea Great Barrier	Māngere- Ōtāhuhu	Ōtara- Papatoetoe	Manurewa	Papakura	Henderson- Massey	Māngere- Tāmaki	Pukeāpapa	Waite māta	Waiātere Ranges	Franklin	Albert- Eden	Kapāhiki	Rodney	Howick	Waheke	Ōrākei	Devonport- Takapuna	Hibiscus and Bays	Upper Harbour	
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10km radial catchment analysis

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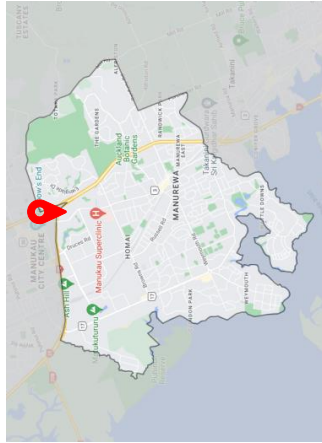
□ Local Board of facility  
□ Local Board in catchment

**Waka Pacific Trust:  
Wero Climb**

**Summary**

For lighting of the climbing frame and the provision of shade for participants, up to \$250,000.

Previous SRFIF allocation	\$250,000
<b>Recommended SRFIF, Targeted allocation</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
Total SRFIF Investment	\$500,000
Total project cost	\$3,177,648
Total SRFIF contribution %	16%



**Project information**

Wero Climb, a \$3 million+ climbing structure, will host up to 100 participants at once, offering a fun and active challenge. Complementing the Vector Wero Whitewater Park, it emphasises accessibility, especially for the local community, with low barriers to entry. The Trust's school programme, which supported 90,000 children last year—80% from low-decile schools at no cost—aims to provide free access to 15,000 local children in Climb's first year, with 9,000 already registered. Transport assistance, including free bus transfers, further supports low-decile schools, ensuring participation. This updated application is seeking lighting of the climbing frame (both aesthetic and allowing for greater hours of use for the community) and the provision of shade for participants, estimated cost of \$299,240. WPT intend to complete (and open) this project prior to 30 June 2025.

**Impact – participation**

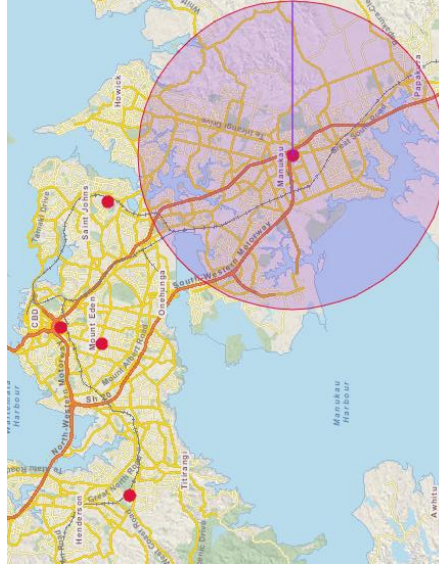
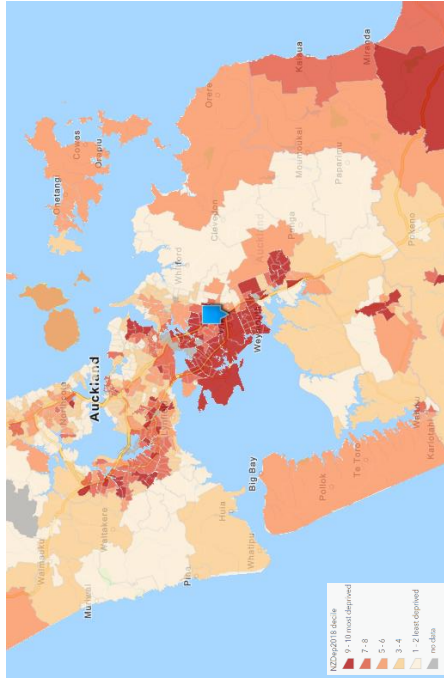
Participation is significant with projections for year one being 15,500 uses growing to 31,000 by year five of operation with school groups being the largest users.

**Waka Pacific Trust:  
Wero Climb**

**Impact – catchment**

A truly unique facility which will attract users from all over Tāmaki Makaurau and beyond. The site is located in the northern area of Manurewa Local Board and near the adjoining Ōtara-Papatoetoe boundary.

Whilst the catchment is regional the mahi of Waka Pacific Trust is focused on tamariki and rangatahi of south Auckland. The location is highly accessible being close to key public transport hubs, motorway on/off ramps, a short distance from the airport and in the heart of high deprivation south Auckland.



Deprivation of facility location (NZDep2018)

10km radial catchment analysis

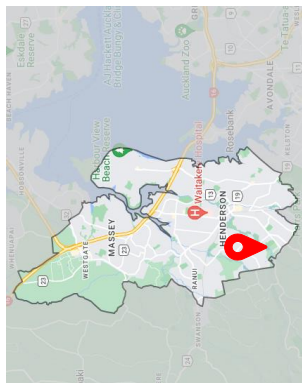
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Local Board of facility  Local Board in catchment

## West Auckland Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporated: Covered Riding Facility

### Summary

For the cost of access and landscaping works required to be compliant with Resource Consent, Building Consent, and safety requirements (Main Carpark & Accessible Carparking (tar sealed), automatic accessible gate, entrance road crossing, landscaping, dry pond, kerb and channel, and lighting), **up to \$512,859**.



Previous SRFIF allocation	\$1,280,000
<b>Recommended SRFIF, Targeted allocation</b>	<b>\$512,859</b>
Total SRFIF Investment	\$1,792,859
Total project cost	\$4,200,000
Total SRFIF contribution %	43%

### Project information

A purpose-built Covered Riding Facility to enable year-round riding therapy and equine-related activities for the wider West Auckland community. Stage 1-4 of the project has been completed which includes the riding arena, horse stalls, viewing platform, therapy room and other amenities. The current and final stage of the project - Stage 5 - focuses on completing essential site infrastructure including: Main carpark and accessible car parking, entrance road crossing, automatic accessible gate, extension of existing culvert, tar-sealed driveway alongside residents, landscaping for RC conditions, overflow horse truck park, fire hydrant, and utility shed.

- The covered riding arena received SRFIF funding in FY23 (\$1.28M) and is now completed to Certificate for Public Use stage.
- A number of consent conditions are to be resolved so the facility can receive Code Compliance Certificate and be fully operational.
- A number of resource consent conditions are pre-requisite for occupation/operation of the covered riding arena.
- The facility will enable WARDA to more than quadruple the riding hours for disabled young people – achieving regulatory compliance is a critical step to unlocking the benefits of Auckland Council's investment in the riding arena.
- Identified as the 3rd highest ranked project in Category A in the Tāmaki Makaurau Sport and Recreation Facility Priority Plan.

### Impact – participation

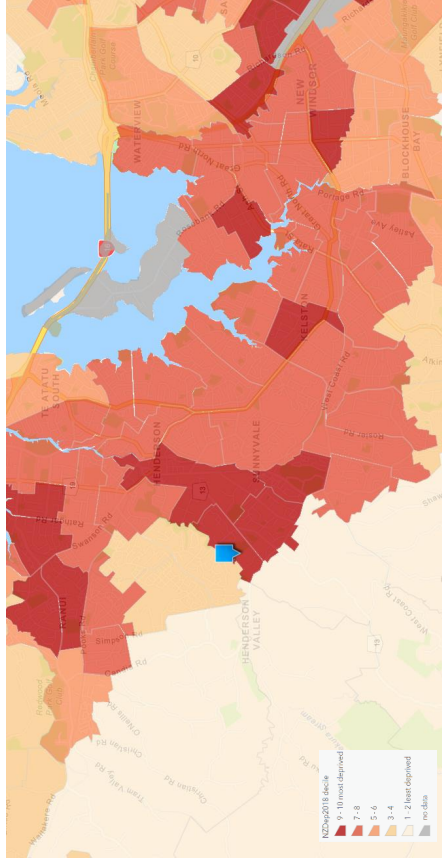
Current venue capacity is 1500 sessions per year (one session = one participant < one hour). Up to 30% of sessions are cancelled due to rain. The Covered Riding Facility will increase rider numbers to over 100 weekly, providing 4000 annual sessions, an increase of 300%. RDA enables people challenged by disability to engage in equine sport and activities. For some, RDA is their only physical activity. Activities are affordable, accessible and promote healthy, active lifestyles.

Total estimated annual participants = 18,840

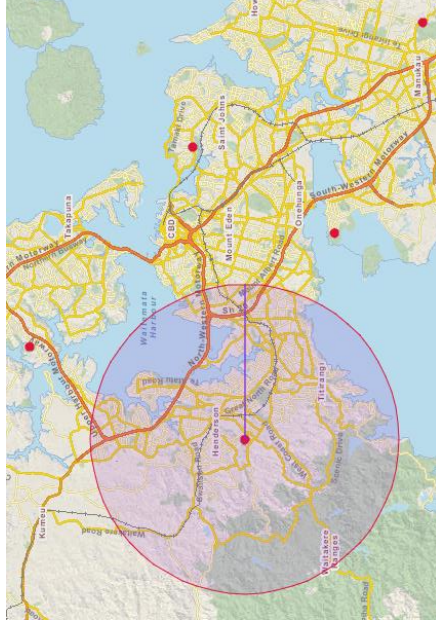
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**Impact – catchment**

Located in Henderson-Massey, a high deprivation community. WARDA delivers to children with wide range of disabilities and challenges. To deliver these programmes, suitable facilities must be made available to address equity for all Aucklanders. The covered arena will be a one of its kind facility serving a subregional catchment.



Deprivation of facility location (NZDep2018)



10km radial catchment analysis

● Known similar facilities in area

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Local Board of facility



Local Board in catchment





**Te Komiti Hapori / Community Committee  
Forward Work Programme 2025**

This committee is focused on community related programmes. It will make decisions on all regional grants and have oversight of community programmes and assets his committee will distribute community grants funds. The full terms of reference can be found here: [Auckland Council Governing Body Terms of Reference](#)

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<b>Regional services and assets</b>														
<b>2024/2025 Capital Investment Programme for Open Space, Community Asset Development, Public Art, Coastal Renewals and Other Regionally Funded programmes</b>  Parks and Community Services Community	Annual approval of Customer and Community Services regional work programmes.	To approve the 2024/2025 Capital Investment Programme for Open Space, Community Asset Development, Public Art, Coastal Renewals and Other Regionally-funded Programmes.  <b>Progress to date:</b> 2023/2024 Capital Investment Programme for Open Space, Community Asset Development, Public Art, Coastal Renewals and Other Regionally-funded Programmes – 3 August 2022 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Parks and Community Regional Capital Investment Work Programme 2024/2025 – 25 July 2024 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Memorandum – Regional Coastal Renewals Work Programme Update 2024/2025 – 18 July 2024 <a href="#">Link to memorandum</a>												
<b>Auckland Libraries services</b>  Community Wellbeing	To showcase the range and variety of services provided by Auckland libraries	Receive the information update regarding Auckland Libraries, including scale and variety of services offered												

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<b>Regional Grants</b>														
<b>Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund allocation</b> Community Wellbeing Community	To seek funding allocation decision on the Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund.	To approve allocation of the investment fund for this year.  <b>Progress to date:</b> Workshop held with the committee on 2 August 2023 providing background and process information. Drop-in sessions held on 31 August 2023 and 5 September 2023 Allocation of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund 2023/2024 – 7 September 2023 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Memorandum – Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund – FY25 funding round – 14 December 2023 <a href="#">Link to memorandum</a> Allocation of the Sport and Recreation Regional Programme Grant for financial years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 – 23 May 2024 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Allocation of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund, FY25 – 15 August 2024 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Adoption of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund Framework 2026-2028 – 26 November 2024 <a href="#">Link to Decision</a>												
<b>Sport and Recreation Programmes Grant allocation</b> Community Wellbeing Community	Seek funding allocation/investment decision	To approve allocation of the Sport and Recreation Programmes grant  <b>Progress to date:</b> Investment into the sport sector in Tāmaki Makaurau – 30 November 2023 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Allocation of the Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant, FY25-FY27 – 15 August 2024 <a href="#">Link to decision</a>												
<b>Regional Events Grants Funding</b> Community Wellbeing Community	To allocate funding from the Regional Events contestable grants programme.	To approve allocation of Regional Events grants  <b>Progress to date:</b> Regional Event Fund Grants Allocation 2022/2023 Round 2 – 30 March 2023 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Regional Events Grant Allocation 2023/2024 Round 1 – 5 October 2023 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Regional Event Grants Programme - allocations financial year 2024/2025 round one – 24 September 2024 <a href="#">Link to decision</a>												

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<b>Regional Arts and Culture Grants</b> Community Wellbeing Community	To allocate funding from the Regional Arts and Culture contestable grants process.	To approve allocation of the Regional Arts and Culture Grant.  <b>Progress to date:</b> Regional Arts and Culture grants allocation: Round two 2022/2023 – 4 May 2023 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Regional Arts and Culture grants programme allocation 2024 – 11 April 2024 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Regional Arts and Culture grants allocation round one 2024/2025 – 24 September <a href="#">Link to decision</a>														
<b>Ngā Hapori Momoho Thriving Communities Regional Grants</b> Community Wellbeing Community	To allocate funding from Ngā Hapori Momoho - Thriving Communities grants fund	To approve allocation of Ngā Hapori Momoho Thriving Communities grants.  <b>Progress to date:</b> Ngā Hapori Momoho   Thriving Communities grants allocation 2022/2023 – 4 May 2023 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Ngā Hapori Momoho   Thriving Communities grants allocation 2023/2024 – 11 April 2024 <a href="#">Link to decision</a>														
<b>Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund</b> Waste Solutions Resilience and Infrastructure	Decision making over medium and large funds from the Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund in line with the fund's adopted policy. Funds to contribute towards the council's aspirational goal of zero waste to landfill by 2040.	To approve the medium-large grant category recommendations of the 2024/2025 Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund.  <b>Progress to date:</b> Allocation of the Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund 2022/2023 – 8 December 2022 <a href="#">Link to open process report</a> <a href="#">Link to restatement</a> Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund 2023/2024 allocation – 30 November 2023 <a href="#">Link to open process report</a> <a href="#">Link to restatement</a> Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund 2024-2025 allocation <a href="#">Link to open process report</a> <a href="#">Link to restatement</a>														

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<b>Auckland Climate Grant</b>  Environmental Services Community	Decision-making over regional Auckland Climate Grant as per the grants funding policy and fund guidelines. Funds to contribute to the council's goals related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, building community resilience to climate impacts and supporting Māori-led responses to climate change.	To approve the allocation of the Auckland Climate Grant.  <b>Progress to date:</b> Auckland Climate Grant 2023/2024 strategic allocation – 30 November 2023 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Auckland Climate Grant 2024/2025 strategic allocation <a href="#">Link to Decision</a>													
<b>Allocation of the 2022/2023 Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant</b>  Environmental Services, Community	Decision-making over Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant as per the grants funding policy and fund guidelines. This grant aims to support the protection, restoration or enhancement of Auckland's natural environment through community conservation activity.	To allocate funding from the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant  <b>Progress to date:</b> Allocation of the 2022/2023 Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant – 8 December 2022 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Allocation of the 2023/2024 Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grant – 13 June 2024 <a href="#">Link to decision</a>													
<b>Regional grants impact reporting</b>  Advisory, Executive Office Community	A detailed account of the reach and impact of the Regional Grants programme, including the total value of grants, people reached and community outcomes achieved.	To receive the information on the impact of regional grants and outcomes achieved.													
<b>Regional grants programme overview</b>  Advisory, Executive Office Community	To provide an overview of the Regional Grants programme, including the purpose and policy objectives, factors taken into account for recommendations to the Community Committee, and the process followed to ensure robust recommendations.	To receive the information and detail on the regional grants programmes.													
<b>Community Partners</b>															

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<b>Citizens Advice Bureau update</b>  Community Impact, Community Wellbeing	To update on the implementation of strategic funding model for Auckland Citizens Advice Bureau	A new strategic funding model was approved by the Policy and Planning Committee on 25 July 2024.  Minute: <a href="#">Minutes of Planning, Environment and Parks Committee - Thursday, 25 July 2024 (aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)</a>													
<b>Volunteering in Auckland</b>  Specialist Operations, Parks and Community Facilities	To provide an overview of the current ways in which volunteer groups, or individuals, partner with Auckland Council.	Receive the update on volunteering in Auckland and the connections between Auckland Council and volunteer groups.  <b>Progress to date:</b> [the Governance Advisor will briefly describe any progress here including workshops, memos and decisions taken. All decisions will be hyperlinked to the public minutes HTML version]													
<b>Community Portfolio Asset Management</b>  Infrastructure Strategy, Policy	An overview of the Community asset management portfolio	Receive the overview of Community Portfolio Asset Management.													
<b>Coastguard NZ Funding Agreement</b>  Sport & Recreation, Community Wellbeing	Advice to support decision making on a funding agreement with Coastguard New Zealand following the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.	Consider a funding agreement to allocate LTP funding lines to Coastguard.													

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<b>Strategic updates</b>															
<b>Community Occupancy Guidelines Improvement Programme – Implementation Update</b>  Community & Social Policy, Policy	18 monthly update report	Receive the progress update													
<b>Community Facilities Network Plan (CFNP) Action Plan progress</b>  Community Investment, Policy	Update on progress of the implementation of the action plan, which is reviewed every three years.	Receive the update on the Community Facilities Network Plan  <b>Progress to date:</b> Community Facilities Network Plan revised Action Plan (2022) – 11 August 2022 <a href="#">Link to decision</a> Community Facilities Network Plan - Action Plan 2022 progress update <a href="#">Link to Decision</a>													
<b>Kai Resilience</b>  Community Impact, Community Wellbeing	A staff-led overview of mahi underway in the kai resilience space, including the Community of Practice being established and delivered by Auckland Council	Receive the overview of council's mahi in kai resilience													
<b>Age Friendly City</b>  Community Policy, Policy	Update and overview of Auckland Council's status as an Age Friendly City	Receive the update on council's actions as an Age Friendly City.													
<b>Welcoming Communities</b>  Community Impact, Community Wellbeing	Update on the "Welcoming Communities" accreditation sought for Auckland Council	Receive the update on council's actions to become an accredited 'Welcoming Communities' member.													

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Operational Homelessness Response Update	Provide an overview of council's role and response to rough sleeping and an update on operational approaches taken.	Receive the update on council's actions to respond to rough sleeping in Auckland.													

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## Memorandum

31 January 2025

**To:** Community Committee

**Subject:** Regional Historic Heritage Grant Programme allocations for 2024/2025 financial year

**From:** Marguerite Hill - Senior Specialist Community Heritage, Planning and Resource Consents

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## Purpose

1. To update members of the Community Committee on the grant allocations for the Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme 2024/2025 funding round.

## Summary

2. The Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme aims to incentivise best practice and encourage community involvement in the care of regionally significant historic heritage places. It is focused on funding projects that benefit historic heritage places and outcomes that are relevant to all of Auckland.
3. The Regional Historic Heritage Grant has an available budget of \$529,901 in the 2024/2025 financial year, as approved through the Long-term Plan 2024-2034. A total of \$529,867 has been allocated.
4. In total, 35 applications were received for the 2024/2025 funding round, requesting a total of \$1,850,226.31.
5. All 35 applications have been assessed against the grant criteria. From this pool, 21 applications are being supported with grants totalling \$529,867, ranging in value from \$1,300 to \$50,000. The remaining 14 applications were declined.

## Context

6. The Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme was established through the Community Grants Policy, adopted in December 2014. In March 2016, the Auckland Development Committee adopted the Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme framework which outlined the regional significance criteria and assessment criteria for the grant applications.
7. The Regional Historic Heritage Grant had a total of \$529,901 available for allocation in the 2024/2025 financial year, as approved through the Long-term Plan 2024-2034. In total, 35 applications were received for this funding round, requesting a total of \$1,850,226.31.
8. Following the assessment of applications, it was recommended that 21 applications are supported with grants totalling \$529,867, ranging in value from \$1,300 to \$50,000. The remaining 14 applications have been declined for the reasons outlined in Attachment A of this memorandum.
9. Delegation for distribution of this fund rests with the General Manager Planning and Resource Consents. On 16 December 2024, the General Manager Planning and Resource Consents approved the grant allocations for the 2024/2025 Regional Historic Heritage Grant programme funding round, as listed in Table One below:

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**Table One: Summary of approved grant allocations for the 2024/2025 Regional Historic Heritage Grant programme funding round**

Place	Approved grant allocation (\$)
King's Theatre (former)	50,000.00
Holy Trinity Anglican Church and cemetery	50,000.00
Puhoi Hotel complex, including stables and residence	50,000.00
Berrisville Flats	50,000.00
George Courts Department Store (former)	50,000.00
Kentish Hotel	48,435.00
St Mark's Church and cemetery	43,100.00
Takapuna Library (former)	35,000.00
Onehunga Primary School (former)	28,900.00
Theosophical Society Hall	25,000.00
Residence, 119 Queen Street, Northcote Point	25,000.00
The Church of Ascension (former)	15,670.00
Lake House	13,100.00
St Sepulchre's Church (former)	10,000.00
Railway worker's residence	8,376.00
Greenhithe School building (former)	7,931.00
Kohekohe Presbyterian Church (former) and plaque	7,000.00
Mission Hall	5,490.00
Tiritiri Matangi Lighthouse complex	3,565.00
New Zealand Guardian Trust	2,000.00
Burgess gravestone, St Stephens Cemetery	1,300.00

10. The Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme supports the following outcomes:
  - Regulations and policies in the Auckland Unitary Plan and District Plan (Hauraki Gulf Islands) are supported by incentives to protect and conserve significant historic heritage places.
  - Auckland Council, mana whenua, community organisations, and property owners work together to support kaitiakitanga and stewardship of historic heritage.
  - Aucklanders see council's investment in historic heritage.
  - Historic heritage grants unlock private and community investment in heritage conservation.
11. To be eligible for funding through the Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme, projects need to meet one of the following eligibility criteria for regional significance:
  - Historic heritage places that are included in one of the schedules of the Auckland Unitary Plan including the Historic Heritage Schedule, Sites of Significance to Mana Whenua, Notable trees, and contributing sites within a Historic Heritage Area, or



- Historic heritage places that are in the Auckland Council District Plan - Hauraki Gulf Islands (HGI) Section – Heritage appendices, archaeological sites, buildings, objects, properties and places of special value, Māori heritage sites or notable trees.
12. For the 2024/2025 funding round, the Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme welcomed grant applications that aligned with the following programme priorities:
    - conservation of regionally significant historic heritage places
    - conservation of at-risk historic heritage places, including initiatives which address the impacts of climate change
    - supporting kaitiakitanga of Māori cultural heritage places.
  13. Council staff also considered applications for other services, projects, events, and activities. However, these were considered a lower priority. The following activities are identified as lower priorities for 2024/2025:
    - heritage interpretation of a scheduled place/ notable tree of historic/cultural value (i.e., brochures, signs etc)
    - projects or activities completed (retrospective funding).
  14. The Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme was promoted through several existing processes and networks including council’s website and social media sites, Te Kāhu newsletter and emails to historic heritage stakeholders and partners. A workshop was held online where applicants could be supported through the application process and request advice from council staff.
  15. Applications for the 2024/2025 funding round were assessed by staff with subject matter expertise using the weighted assessment criteria as set out in Table Two below:

**Table Two: Regional Historic Heritage Grants Assessment Criteria and Weighting**

Assessment Criteria	Weighting (%)
Alignment with strategic priorities for 2023/2024	40
Project significance	30
Funding necessity	15
Public access and education	15

### Discussion

16. Each application had an assessment score out of 100 that was used to rank applications. Grant recommendations were developed and moderated by council staff considering the application assessment score, project budget, applicant capability, capacity for applicant to access other funding sources, items that the funding was requested for and the level of funding that would maximise outcomes and value for money.
17. The Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme provides individual grants up to \$50,000 per annum. This is the eighth annual funding round of the Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme.
18. Funding round metrics from the 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 rounds are provided in Table Three below. The number of applications received has increased over time. This year there was a decrease in the number applications from the 2023/2024 round (from 55 to 35). However, the amount of funding requested per year has still increased significantly since the 2015/2016 round (from \$629,370 in 2015/2016 to \$1,850,226.31 in 2024/2025).



19. The applications chosen for funding in the 2024/2025 financial year align strongly with the outcomes and priorities established for the Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme. The applications represent a variety of project types related to scheduled historic heritage places across the region. By far the majority of the applications received this year related to built heritage, with a lack of applications for Māori heritage or archaeology.
20. As the grant is oversubscribed, the approved grant amounts are not always at the level requested in the application. Grant recommendation amounts are only less than the requested amount in cases where applicants have stated that a smaller Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme contribution would still be helpful for their project. The recommended amount is based on the amount the applicant has specified in their application as being a helpful contribution.
21. Of the 14 applications declined, 11 were eligible applications and three applications were deemed ineligible against the criteria.

**Table Three: Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme Metrics**

Metric	Funding Round							
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<b>Budget</b>	\$80,743	\$80,744	\$82,000	\$83,640	\$436,290	\$507,500	\$515,620	\$524,901.16
<b>Number of applications</b>	27	42	25	25	38	39	55	35
<b>Total value of grants requested</b>	\$336,914	\$573,559	\$383,833	\$428,171	\$1,272,571	\$1,209,347	\$2,017,834.85	\$1,850,226.31
<b>Number of applications recommended for funding</b>	7 supported, 19 declined and 1 ineligible	7 supported, 33 declined and 2 ineligible	8 supported, 15 declined, 1 withdrawn and 1 ineligible	6 supported, 18 declined and 1 ineligible	20 supported, 17 declined and 1 withdrawn	34 supported, 4 declined and 1 ineligible	27 supported, 22 declined, 5 ineligible and 1 withdrawn	21 supported, 11 declined and 3 ineligible
<b>Value of grant allocations</b>	Range: \$3,375 to \$20,000 Average: \$11,998	Range: \$2,248 to \$20,000 Average: \$11,534	Range: \$4,000 to \$20,000 Average: \$10,250	Range: \$5,900 to \$18,640 Average: \$13,940	Range: \$6,500 to \$50,000 Average: \$21,769	Range: \$531.87 to \$50,000 Average: \$14,920	Range: \$3,000 to \$50,000 Average: \$18,414	Range: \$1,300 to \$50,000 Average: \$25,233

**Local impacts and views of the local boards**

22. Information on the successful grant applications was provided to all relevant local boards on 18 December 2024.
23. The Community Grants Policy provides for local boards to operate their own local grants programmes. Local boards may choose to fund local heritage projects and activities, some of which may complement the grants provided at regional level, or vice versa.

**Impacts on Māori**

24. All grant programmes aim to respond to council’s commitment to improving Māori wellbeing by providing grants to organisations which deliver positive outcomes for Māori. Auckland Council’s Heritage Unit, Māori Heritage Team provided input and practical support towards the development of the Regional Historic Heritage Grant Programme.
25. Promotion of the 2024/2025 funding round included provision of information to heritage stakeholders which included mana whenua, Māori community groups and individuals.
26. Supporting kaitiakitanga of Māori cultural heritage is an identified priority for this grant programme and all applications were assessed as to their alignment with this priority.
27. Applicants were asked to demonstrate how Māori outcomes will be evident in the results of their project. Of the 35 applications received, nine applications were submitted in which the applicant identified the project as contributing to Māori outcomes. However, the contributions were mostly tenuous.
28. Despite *Supporting kaitiakitanga of Māori cultural heritage places* being a priority area for the grant, there are generally few applications for Māori cultural heritage places. Work



towards encouraging potential applicants and removing barriers to application will be further investigated by the council's Heritage Unit before the next funding round.

### Financial implications

29. The funding presented in this memo allocates the Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme budget for the 2024/2025 financial year, as approved through the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
30. The Regional Historic Heritage Grant allocations for the 2024/2025 round have been approved by the General Manager Planning and Resource Consents as per the council's financial delegations register.

### Risks and mitigations

31. A risk assessment has only identified two low risks associated with the grant allocation process. These are listed below along with the mitigations:
  - Low reputational risk – Applicants may query the grant allocation process and feel it has been inconsistent or unfair. This risk is mitigated through the thorough and transparent evaluation and assessment process, carried out in accordance with the grant.
  - Low financial risk – Grant applicants do not use grant funds appropriately to fulfil the conditions of their grant or deliver the outcomes desired by the council. This risk is mitigated through the initial assessment, which included evaluation of the capacity of applicants and their track record, and requirements for detailed reporting on outcomes of all applications. Grant recipients are required to account for use of allocated funds.

### Next steps

32. The General Manager Planning and Resource Consents approved the allocation of funding for the Regional Historic Heritage Grants Programme on 16 December 2024. Council staff notified the applicants of the decision on 16 December 2024.
33. Successful grant recipients will receive an agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the grant. The recipients will be required to meet project accountability requirements. Should these projects either not proceed or not fully utilise allocated funding all unspent funds will be returned to council.







































