



# **Devonport Takapuna Local Board Grants Programme 2025/2026**



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Our Local Board 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:

- Our natural and built spaces are cared for and we put water quality and the environment front and centre
- We value inclusivity, diversity, and resilience
- Our community has access to quality services in facilities that meet their needs
- Our infrastructure supports growth, and our safe, efficient transport offers diverse travel options
- Our economy is thriving, our town centres are vibrant, and there is opportunity for all

*Note: All applicants are expected to outline in their application how their project will contribute to at least one of the outcomes outlined in the **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2023**.*

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2023 can be found on the Devonport-Takapuna plans, agreements, and reports webpage

## Lower priorities

- event management costs and fees for professional and specialised services
- groups and/or activities taking place outside the local board area, unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate the benefit to local board members.
- coaching and training
- applicants who have already had one successful Devonport-Takapuna Local Board contestable grant application in the current financial year
- community events that have commercial sponsorship
- consent and permitting fees

## Exclusions

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined in Auckland Council's overarching Community Grants Policy, the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board will not fund:

- groups which have not completed outstanding accountability obligations by the closing dates of the 2025/2026 Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Grants rounds
- applications for core operational expenses, such as:
  - wages and salaries
  - rent, including rent for storage units

- cleaning expenses
- Utilities, such as power and water
- events which have received regional events funding and therefore primarily benefit the region as opposed to just the local board area
- retrospective costs, unless this is necessary as a condition of the grant, or the local board is satisfied that there are mitigating circumstances
- gifts/prizes, including prizes and trophies for sports events
- initiatives that are eligible and can be funded by central government
- applications towards alcohol or liquor licenses.
- projects and activities in schools and churches unless a plan on how the project will be open to the wider community or benefit to the wider community can be demonstrated.
- travel and accommodation unless there is strong evidence of benefit to the community
- applications that require commitment to ongoing funding or financial support
- catering

## Applicants with no formal legal structure

Applicants with no formal legal structure may apply for grants of up to \$1,000 through the local board grants programme; however, the board expects to see evidence from the group indicating community support for the activity and its objectives.

## Investment approach

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board has allocated budgets to support the local grants programme as follows:

- Local Grants
  - Minimum and Maximum amount per grant: \$1,500 to \$10,000

## Application dates

Grant rounds for 2025/2026 will be as follows:

### Local Grants

2025/2026 grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	16 June 2025	25 July 2025	16 September 2025	1 October 2025
Round two	19 January 2026	27 February 2026	21 April 2026	1 May 2026

## **Multi-board Grants**

Multi-board grants are cancelled. Any changes to the availability of multi-board grants will be communicated to applicants in advance of the next financial year (starting July 2026).

# **Accountability measures**

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board requires that all successful applicants provide:

- evidence that the use of the funds matched their application.
- evidence that the project or event has delivered set outcomes/objective
- a completed accountability form within two months of project completion
- the contribution of the local board is acknowledged in all publicity and signage
- any events funded or partially funded by the local board are to be smoke-free

The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board also encourage successful grant applicants to invite their Local Board members to activities and events if possible.

