



# **Devonport Takapuna Local Board Grants Programme 2024/2025**



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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.*

## Higher priority

- community match fund (groups who demonstrate that 40% of project costs have already been met, including the approximate value provided by volunteer contribution to projects, events and /or initiatives).
- projects that demonstrate smokefree, vape-free, and zero waste programmes.
- new and innovative projects/activities to support the delivery of the outcomes and priorities identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Grants Programme.
- projects that are inclusive and support under-represented members of the community.
- projects/activities with Māori outcomes.
- projects and events with wide community benefit.
- initiatives that promote climate resilience, sustainability, and environmental activities in our communities.
- projects that align with the focus areas outlined in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan.
- projects, events and activities that are contained in Devonport-Takapuna Local Board strategic documents and centre plans.

## 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 residents.

- coaching and training.
- applicants who have already had one successful Devonport-Takapuna Local Board contestable grant application.
- 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:

- wages and salaries for ongoing administration.
- events which clearly benefit the region rather than just the local area, and which can, therefore, apply for regional or central government grants.
- retrospective costs, unless this is necessary as a condition of the grant, or the local board is satisfied that there are mitigating circumstances.
- groups which have failed to meet accountability obligations from previous Council grants will not be funded except in exceptional circumstance, and/or by stipulating that completing accountability is a condition of grant payment.
- gifts/prizes.
- 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: \$500 to \$8,000

# Application dates

Grant rounds for 2024/2025 will be as follows:

## Local Grants

2024/2025 grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	15 July 2024	30 August 2024	15 October 2024	1 November 2024
Round two	6 January 2025	14 February 2025	15 April 2025	1 May 2025

## Multi-board Grants

Multi-board grants have been cancelled for this financial year. Any changes to the availability of multi-board grants will be communicated to applicants in advance of the next financial year (starting July 2025).

The Local Board encourages applicants that were going to apply to multi-board grants, to redirect their applications to the local grants rounds. These applications will need to demonstrate a clear benefit to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board community.

# 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.

