

Franklin Local Board

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Our local grants programme aims to provide contestable 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:
 - Minimum amount per grant \$200
 - Maximum amount per grant \$2,000
- Local Grants:
 - Minimum amount per grant generally \$200
 - The Franklin Local Board will support match funding for local grants
- 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 the [Smokefree Policy](#); especially for events and activities held on local board administered parks and reserves.
- the local board will also support events and activities which promote waste minimisation and endorse zero waste practices.

Lower priorities and exclusions

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined in the Community Grants Policy, the following items are a lower priority:

- travel
- salaries and wages
- catering
- vehicles
- sports equipment
- sports uniforms
- retrospective costs
- organisations which have a closed membership i.e. the benefit is for members only and there is limited benefit to the wider community
- initiatives that are eligible and can be funded by central government

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

Grant Rounds 2020/2021

Grant rounds for the 2020/2021 financial year will be as follows:

Quick Response

Grant round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Project to occur after
Round one	6 July 2020	31 July 2020	25 August 2020	1 September 2020
Round two	5 October 2020	30 October 2020	24 November 2020	1 December 2020
Round three	3 May 2021	28 May 2021	22 June 2021	1 July 2021

Local Grants

Grant round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Project to occur after
Round one	22 June 2020	31 July 2020	22 September 2020	1 October 2020
Round two	15 February 2021	26 March 2021	26 May 2021	1 June 2021

Coastal Rescue Services Fund

Grant round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Project to occur after
Round one	3 May 2021	28 May 2021	22 June 2021	1 July 2021

School Swimming Pool Fund

Grant round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Project to occur after
Round one	6 July 2020	31 July 2020	25 August 2020	1 September 2020

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.

Grant round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Project to occur after
Round one	15 June 2020	7 August 2020	22 September 2020	1 October 2020
Round two	18 January 2021	19 March 2021	26 May 2021	1 June 2021

Franklin Waterway Protection Fund dates to be confirmed.

Accountability Measures

The Franklin Local Board requires 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 outlined in the funding agreement
- provide all required invoices and photos for the activities funded
- include the local board logo in publicity and signage and display the Franklin Local Board branding whenever appropriate, in accordance with council's guidelines
- acknowledge Franklin Local Board as a supporter, for events, media releases or any other communication to the public.

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