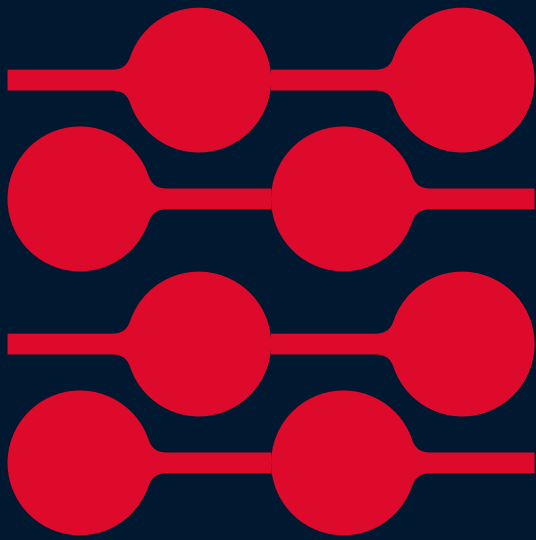


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Programme
2025/2026**



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Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Grants Programme 2025/2026

Our Local Grants Programme aims to provide contestable and discretionary community grants to local communities.

Local Grants have an allocation limit of \$25,000 towards a single project.

Capital Grants have an allocation limit of \$50,000 towards a single project.

Outcomes sought from the local grants programme

Applicants will need to read the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan before applying. This can be viewed online at www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/localboardplans, picked up from the Auckland Council service centre, or ordered from the call centre on 09 301 0101.

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board welcomes grant applications that align with the following local board plan objectives. When you apply for a grant, you will choose one of these that your project must align with to be funded:

- Engaged and thriving mana whenua
- Self-sufficient and prosperous community
- Strong and adaptable economy
- Treasured and enriched whenua
- Clean and secure wai (water)
- Abundant and protected moana
- Celebrated and preserved rangi-nui (the sky)
- Safe transport network
- Fit for purpose island infrastructure
- Sustainable community facilities
- The wellbeing of our people

Higher Priority

- Our residents' wellbeing is protected and enhanced.
- Projects or activities with have zero-waste messages and practices.
- Applications improve community resilience to climate change impact.
- Activities that support mana whenua to prosper.

Lower Priorities

The below may still be funded, however the board will view them as a lower priority that will not be funded in over-subscribed rounds:

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board has identified the following activities as lower priorities:

- activities which are inconsistent with the direction signalled in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan.
- applications from groups not based on Aotea / Great Barrier unless the proposal has a significant and/or direct benefit to the island community.
- Insurance can be applied for if applicants can show a high need for one off support.

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board will take into account if a group has a substantial cash current assets (relative to the amount applied for), unless the surplus has a specific purpose, which means it can't be used as a contribution to the project.

Exclusion

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined the [Community Grants Policy](#), the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board will not fund:

- Retrospective costs. It is important groups plan for funding needs wherever possible.
- GST will not be funded, if the community group or individual is GST registered.

Note: The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board may on a case-by-case basis, support community organisations providing primary health care or core educational services, where these services are delivered on the island by community organisations.

Capital Grants Guidelines

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board recognises the vital role that local community facilities play in developing a strong, vibrant and engaged community and has established a capital grants fund to support capital projects associated with community facilities on Aotea / Great Barrier Island.

Criteria for Aotea / Great Barrier Capital Grants

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board will allocate grants based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Applications will only be accepted for projects which result in the creation or improvement of a capital asset at or associated with a community facility on Aotea / Great Barrier Island that is available for community use. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to the following:
 - Buildings, structures, plant, services, infrastructure or equipment
 - Upgrades or refurbishments to existing facilities
 - New or upgraded alternative power systems, low energy appliances and equipment, rainwater collection systems, provision of safe drinking water, upgrade of septic and sewage systems.

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- Applications must provide evidence that the facility for which a grant is sought is available for use by the community and a record of such use over the preceding 12 months unless the facility hasn't been operating during that period.
- Applicants must demonstrate alignment with the outcomes in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan and the amount granted may reflect the extent to which the project aligns with the local board plan.
- Applicants must hold (or be able to obtain) insurance for the asset being applied for.
- Where a building or resource consent is needed this must also be obtained prior to the grant being released although advance funding to enable this can be provided if specified in the application.
- Where paid project management assistance is required the amount of this must be included in the application.
- Applicants must contribute a percentage of the project cost in cash, labour or materials, with the percentage increasing as the cost of the project increases as follows:
 - Up to \$5000 = 5 percent
 - \$5001-\$10,000 = 7.5 percent
 - Over \$10,001 = 10 percent
- Grants of up to \$50,000 only may be approved for one project. More than one application per group can be made.
- Projects or activities with zero-waste messages and practices as well as projects with resilience to emergencies and the impact of climate change will be given higher priority.
- There is a preference for two quotes, where practical.

Note: Capital projects previously funded by the local board, must be completed and accounted for, before a community group can apply for another grant, unless justification can be given as to why they are needing to complete another project and agreed with the local board.

Should I apply for a capital grant?

This is a general guideline on applying for a capital grant; other activities may be funded. This is only a list of common projects as guidance on what grant to apply to.

You should apply for a non-capital grant instead	You should apply for a capital grant
Projects on private land	You are constructing a building/structure for use by the wider community
Projects that will only be used by one/a few specific groups	Installation of permanent assets in a building such as heat pumps or solar panels
Planning, design or needs assessments	Repairs to a building used widely in the community
Current assets – Anything that can quickly be converted into cash.	Fixed assets – Items that would be difficult to convert into cash and is valued at \$500 or more
	Vehicles
	Driveways and parking lots for public spaces
	Landowner approval costs

Accountability measures

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board encourages all successful applicants to report back to the local board in a meeting (once the accountability form has been completed). A local board representative will be allocated to liaise with the applicant and ensure the project has been completed, as per their application.

Assessment and prioritisation

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board expects all groups applying for a grant to submit a copy of the most recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) financial statements and resolutions unless a good reason for not supplying these is provided.

The local board also expects the group's grant applicant(s) to be available to attend the business meeting where the application is being considered to speak in a public forum when it is requested.

Application Dates

Below are the dates for the grants rounds that happen throughout the year.

- Between the *Opens* and *Closes* date you will be able to apply on the Auckland Council website for the grant. Applications close at 10pm and late submissions are not allowed.
- The *Decision Made* date is when the board officially decides on your application, you can expect to be emailed a few days after this and payment should be made by the *Project to Occur After* date, assuming no issues with your bank information
- All applications must start after the *Project to Occur After* date, as this is when payment will likely be made by. Having a date before this will result in reduced funding or being declined.

Please note that due to local board elections in October 2025 that the decision date for 2026 may change.

	Opens	Closes	Decision Made	Project to Occur After
Capital and Local Grant Round one	7 July 2025	8 August 2025	23 September 2025	1 October 2025
Capital and Local Grant Round two	23 February 2026	10 April 2026	26 May 2026	1 June 2026

