



Henderson-
Massey
**Community
Grants
Programme**
2025/2026



Henderson-Massey Local Board

Community Grants Programme

Our Community Grants Programme aims to provide contestable community grants to local communities.

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the following outcomes and priorities, as outlined in the [Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2023](#). When you apply for a grant, you will choose one of these that your project must align with to be funded:

- Communities are empowered to lead and deliver on their aspirations
- Māori are represented through trusting and productive mana whenua and mataawaka relationships
- Support communities of ethnicity and identity to develop community-led planning and initiatives that empower and celebrate diversity
- Develop projects that meet community aspirations across local board boundaries with Waitākere Ranges and Whau Local Boards
- The community leads the way in kaitiakitanga
- Support communities and businesses to work towards zero waste to landfill by 2040 and to increase their ability to live low-carbon lifestyles
- Māori identity is visible, valued and understood throughout the rohe
- Culture and creativity are an integral part of community life
- Our town centres are thriving, safe and inviting
- Continue to support local community organisations to deliver economic development initiatives such as business mentoring and work experience for rangatahi
- Thriving local businesses and town centres

Higher priorities

If your project aligns with one or more of the following it is more likely to be funded:

- Activities that improve community connectedness and inclusivity
- Activities that improve Māori and Pasifika outcomes
- Events that demonstrate smoke free, waste minimisation and offers healthy food alternatives
- Activities that promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle
- Activities that are locally based and not for profit events and organisations
- Educational or training programmes that engage and upskill the youth
- Projects that support alternative forms of transport

Lower priorities

Projects that align with one or more of the following are less likely to be funded:

- Costs for travel and accommodation outside Auckland
- Retrospective costs (where the activity has already taken place)
- Fundraising events or activities.

Exclusions

According to the exclusion criteria outlined in the [Community Grants Policy](#), the following activities will not be funded:

- Debt servicing or repayment
- Legal expenses
- Activities that promote religious ministry or political purposes
- Medical expenses
- Public services that are the responsibility of central government (e.g. core education, primary health care)
- Physical works – e.g. improvements to community buildings – that require consents or permits, prior to the necessary consents or permits being obtained (grants may be awarded in principle, but funds will not be released until all conditions are satisfied)
- Purchase of alcohol

In addition, the following activity will also not be funded:

- Applicants are ineligible to receive a Henderson-Massey Local Board contestable grant if they have had two successful grant application within the current financial year.

Eligibility

Please refer to the [Community Grants Policy 2014](#) 'scope and eligibility' for general eligibility criteria:

- Ineligible applicants – Paragraph 78
- What we won't fund – Paragraphs 84-86
- Lower priority – Paragraphs 87-88

Investment approach

The Henderson-Massey Local Board has allocated budgets to support the grants programme as follows:

| Grants scheme | Minimum amount per application | Maximum amount per application |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Quick Response Grants | \$500 | \$2,000 |
| Local Grants | \$2,000 | \$5,000 |

Application dates

- Applications will be accepted starting from the **opening date** and must be submitted by the **closing date**. Applications closes at 10pm and late submissions will not be accepted.
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome after the **decision date**.
- Projects and funding request item(s) must occur on or after the *Project to Occur After* date to be eligible.

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

| 2025/2026 | Opens | Closes | Decision Made | Project to Occur After |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Quick Response Round one | 7 July 2025 | 1 August 2025 | 16 September 2025 | 1 October 2025 |
| Quick Response Round two | 12 January 2026 | 6 February 2026 | 17 March 2026* | 1 April 2026 |

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| Local Grant Round one | 4 August 2025 | 12 September 2025 | 16 December 2025* | 1 January 2026 |
| Local Grant Round two | 9 February 2026 | 20 March 2026 | 19 May 2026* | 1 July 2026 |

Accountability measures

Two months after your project is completed, you will need to submit an accountability report, it can be accessed on the Smarty Grants portal and requires the following information:

- provide information on how the project contributed to local board priorities and outcomes
- extend to the local board chairperson an invitation to the funded project, programme, activity or event where appropriate
- meet council standard financial accountability requirements
- Provide all required receipts and sufficient photos for the implemented activities on the grant's accountability report
- Included local board logo on publicity and signage and display of Henderson-Massey Local Board branding whenever appropriate in accordance with Council's brand guidelines
- How you have acknowledged the local board as a supporter in media releases or other communication to the public
- That you have extended an invitation to the local board members for any event or function funded

