



Howick Local Board Grants Programme 2025/2026



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

Outcomes sought from the local grant programme

Applicants will need to read the Howick Local Board Plan before submitting an application. This can be viewed online at [Howick Local Board Plan 2023](#), picked up from an Auckland Council service centre, or ordered from the call centre on 09 301 0101.

The Howick Local grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the following outcomes and priorities as outlined in our Local Board Plan 2023.

- **People actively contribute to their community**
 - Support community groups to become more sustainable
 - Support activities that bring our diverse communities together
- **Build community resilience**
- **Rangatahi/Youth in Howick have a voice, are valued, and contribute**
- **Support local arts, culture, music and heritage activities and experiences**
- **Protect our natural environment**
- **Protect and enhance our unique coastline**
- **Accessible waste reduction services and activities**
 - Support community, business and school initiatives to reduce waste to landfill, including construction and demolition waste
- **Community facilities, spaces and activities enable people to participate, learn and grow**
 - Promote healthy living and sustainable lifestyles by supporting community-led initiatives, such as vegetable gardens, and by encouraging and educating the wider community about the benefits of growing your own food
- **Parks and open spaces support a wide variety of recreational activities**
 - Provide facilities and activities across our parks network to suit people of diverse demographics and abilities
- **Sports and recreational opportunities respond to the needs of our communities**
- **Support local business recovery**
 - Support building resilience initiatives for local business

Higher Priorities

The Howick Local Board will prioritise applications which:

- Events or activities that are held in the local board area and can demonstrate the benefit to the local community
- Have considered other funding sources or there is a contribution from the application to the event or activity (financial or volunteer time).
- Recovery from significant weather events

Lower Priorities

The Howick Local Board will also consider applications for other services, projects, events and activities which may be considered a lower priority on a case by case basis.

The Howick Local Board has identified the following as lower priorities:

- Fundraising events or activities, unless the activity or event has a wide community benefit beyond its primary purpose as a fundraiser
- Ongoing operation costs including, wages and salaries, with the exception of fees for and specialised services delivering specialised programmes.
- Applications above \$10,000 and/or groups who apply multiple times in a financial year
- Catering costs
- The purchase of vehicles including servicing costs and maintenance costs
- Travel expenses
- Prizes and gifts

The Howick Local Board will take into account, if a group has a substantial cash surplus (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.

What we won't fund

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 priorities – Paragraphs 87-88

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined in the Community Grants Policy, the Howick Local Board will not fund:

- Applicants who have failed to complete or provide a satisfactory Accountability Report from previous grants from any Local Board.

Investment Approach

The Howick Local Board has allocated budgets to support the local grants programme as follows:

Quick Response Grant:	Local Grant:
Minimum amount per grant: \$500.00	Minimum amount per grant: \$3,000.00+
Maximum amount per grant: \$4,000.00	

Note: If requesting funding of \$10,000.00 or more, a clear and concise itemised budget needs to be provided, in addition to the requested quotes.

Accountability Measures

The Howick Local Board requires recipients of community grants to satisfactorily fulfil the accountability requirements set by Council.

Applicants who have failed to complete or provide a satisfactory Accountability Report from previous grants from any Local Board, will not be funded.

Application Dates

Table 1 – Local Grants

2025/2026	Opens	Closes	Decision Made	Project to Occur After
Local Grant Round one	2 June 2025	11 July 2025	18 September 2025	1 October 2025
Local Grant Round two	5 January 2026	13 February 2026	16 April 2026	1 May 2026

Table 2 – Quick Response Grants

2025/2026	Opens	Closes	Decision Made	Project to Occur After
Quick Response Round one	6 October 2025	30 October 2025	18 December 2025	31 December 2025
Quick Response Round two	6 April 2026	1 May 2026	18 June 2026	1 July 2026

