



Kaipātiki Local Board Community Grants Programme 2025/2026



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Kaipātiki Local Board

Community Grants Programme 2025/2026

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

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the following objectives, as outlined in [Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2023](#):

Local Board Plan	Local Board Objectives - What your grant should achieve
Belonging and wellbeing Our people are engaged, connected, healthy, thriving, and are proud to live in Kaipātiki	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our people and communities feel connected, safe, and well• Kaipātiki is rich with Māori identity and culture through active partnership with mana whenua and Māori• Our diversity is celebrated and nurtured• Our children and young people have a voice and are empowered to effect change• Opportunities to participate in the arts and sport are available and accessible to all• Our people are informed and engaged in the decisions that affect them
Environment Our natural environment is restored and protected for future generations to enjoy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use a Māori world view to treasure and protect our natural environment (taonga tuku iho)• Our parks, waterways and forests are protected and enhanced so that birds and other native wildlife flourish• Our people are environmentally aware and live sustainably• Our community are prepared for the impacts of a changing climate
Places and spaces Our built environment is vibrant, well-maintained, reflects the culture and heritage of Kaipātiki, meets our people's needs, and has a low impact on our climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our parks, playgrounds, and public spaces are fit-for-service, accessible to all, SunSmart, well maintained, clean and tidy, and cost-effective• Our aquatic, recreational, art and community facilities are fit-for-service, accessible to all, and meet the needs of our growing and changing population• Our parks and places reflect the culture and heritage of Kaipātiki• Our town centres of Birkenhead, Glenfield and Northcote are strengthened to be vibrant and safe hubs that meet the needs of our people• Quality and sustainable urban development occurs that creates spaces that are safe, healthy, multi-functional and have a low impact on the climate
Transport and connections Our people have many transport options and can easily and safely move around and find their way	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People have more travel choices to get to work, school or go about their daily lives• The Kaipātiki Connections Network Plan delivers commuter and recreational walking and cycling links through the local board area

<p>Opportunity and prosperity</p> <p>Our people are prosperous, and our businesses continue to flourish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wairau Valley and our other business areas provide our people with the opportunity to work locally • Local and international visitors are attracted to our area • Our young people are ready and prepared for the workforce • Our business community encourages and supports local sustainable business practices and initiatives
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Higher priority for eligibility:

A higher priority will be given to applications that:

- provide opportunities for all members of the Kaipātiki community to benefit from the proposed project or activity and where access is not restricted to members of the organisation making the application
- are from applicants based and operating within the Kaipātiki area providing and targeting services, benefits, and participation opportunities for Kaipātiki residents
- are from under-represented geographical areas of the Local Board
- targets and supports local resident participation
- are accessible and affordable initiatives that celebrate diverse community and to create a sense of belonging
- are community-led initiatives for: pest control, environmental restoration, waste minimisation and upcycling
- provide intergenerational opportunities for young and old to share skills and talents
- are tree planting and projection initiatives
- are initiatives that protect and restore local historical heritage sites and landmarks
- promote the documentation and storytelling of local history
- improve and develop facilities that are open for public use, such as sports facilities, to enhance access to quality, safe, and inclusive spaces for active participation

Lower priority for eligibility:

Some applications will automatically be given lower priority:

- Applications for travel and accommodation outside Auckland (the board may make exceptions if there will be a tangible benefit for Auckland ratepayers)
- Applications for fundraising events or activities where the beneficiary is a third party, e.g. charity events, sponsored walks (exceptions may be made if we determine the event has a wider community benefit beyond its primary purpose as a fundraiser)
- Applications from schools and churches – unless clear benefits to the wider community can be demonstrated, e.g. on-going community access to facilities
- Applications for activities taking place, or from groups based outside the Kaipātiki Local Board area, unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate the benefit to Kaipātiki community members
- Consistently seek ongoing organisation administrative costs for staff and overheads

Ineligibility:

A range of activities are excluded from consideration of funding by Auckland Council's overarching [Community Grants Policy](#).

These exclusions are:

- 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)
- The release of payment for 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
- food - unless the provision of food will enable the project outcomes to be achieved (evidence of how this will be measured and achieved will need to be provided)

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined in the Community grants policy, the Kaipātiki Local Board will not fund:

- requests for rates support
- commercial entities /limited liability companies
- activities have already taken place before decision date (unless the Board accepts there are genuine mitigating circumstances)
- groups that have failed to meet accountability obligations from previous Council grants will not be funded except in exceptional mitigating circumstances
- more than one application per organisation in a grant round
- koha (cash donations)

NB: The Kaipātiki Local Board normally uses its community development partner, the Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust (KCFT) as an umbrella organisation. If you are an individual applicant, please discuss with the trust whether it is prepared to act as your umbrella before lodging your application.

Facilities Grants

Kaipātiki Local Board recognises the importance of quality community facilities in fostering a vibrant, connected, and resilient community.

What we will fund

The Facilities Grant Programme provides funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of community facilities that serve the Kaipātiki area.

- Projects must relate to the development or renovation of a facility that is available for community use. Examples include (but not limited to):
 - Buildings, structures, plant, services, infrastructure or equipment
 - Upgrades or refurbishments to existing facilities
 - New or upgraded alternative power systems, low energy appliances and equipment, upgrade of septic and sewage systems, health and safety improvements to the facilities
- There is a preference for two quotes, where practical

Eligibility

- The facility must be located in Kaipātiki Local Board area
- Applications must include evidence that the facility is available for community use, along with a record of such use over the past 12 months (unless the facility has not been operational during that time)
- Projects must be publicly accessible and meet a clear community need
- Where a building, resource consent, or landowner approval is needed this must be obtained prior to the grant being released
- Applicants must hold (or be able to obtain) insurance for the asset being applied for
- Initiatives must fit with at least one of the board's objectives as stipulated in the Kaipātiki Local Board Area
- Application cannot be capital works that fall under the responsibility of Auckland Council for development, maintenance or improvement

Dates

Facilities Grants applications will be accepted in local grants rounds.

Investment approach:

Each round has a minimum and a maximum amount you can apply for. Applications outside of these limits may result in reduced funding or being declined. You can see the limits below:

Grants type	Application Amount
Local Grants	\$1,000 – \$7,000
Facilities grant	\$1,000 – No limit

Accountability and other measures:

The Kaipātiki Local Board requires that for all successful applicants:

- The contribution of the board is to be clearly acknowledged in all publicity and signage using Kaipātiki Local Board branding whenever appropriate in accordance with Council's brand guidelines (Supplied with Funding Agreement and can be provided on request)
- Any events funded or partially funded by the board are to be smoke-free
- Complete and submit accountability report, within two months of the completion of the project, proving that the grant has been used to deliver the set outcomes and objectives
- Extend an invitation to the local board members for any event or function funded
- Provide all required receipts and sufficient photos for the implemented activities on the grant's accountability report.

Grant rounds for the 2025/2026 financial year will be as follows:

- 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

Local Grants and Facilities Grants Dates

Grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	<i>Projects to occur after</i>
Round One	1 September 2025	10 October 2025	3 December 2025*	15 December 2025
Round Two	16 February 2026	27 March 2026	21 May 2026 *	1 June 2026

**The decision date may be subject to change due to 2025 local board elections*

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