



Māngere-
Ōtāhuhu
**Community
Grants
Programme
2025/2026**



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Māngere-Ōtāhuhu 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 the [Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Plan 2023](#).

Local Board Plan	Local Board Objectives - What your grant should achieve
Our people Our people are our strength. Engaging with our diverse communities – from Māori, Pacific peoples, and children to rangatahi (youth) and senior people – enables us to provide the services and facilities they need, leading to better wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Achieving Māori aspirations through partnership, project delivery, and increased cogovernance across our projects• Empowered rangatahi who are actively engaged in the community• Local community networks are supported to deliver projects and events• A creative community where talent is identified and promoted
Our environment Toitū te whenua, whatungarongaro te tangata. Our land is permanent, while people come and go. Your resilience was tested with destructive weather events in early 2023 and it held. We can help strengthen your ability to preserve our natural environment and sites of significance so that future generations can enjoy them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local climate programmes that increase climate resilience and preparedness• Engagement with mana whenua and iwi through Rangatira ki te Rangatira Kaupapa• Increased tree cover and greenspace• Healthy and biodiverse streams, estuaries, and harbours
Our community We are home to the largest population of Pacific people in Auckland. We also have a high proportion of Māori residents and growing ethnic diversity. That diversity means we need dynamic spaces and facilities. Our venues, local parks and open spaces must provide for the everchanging experiences of our residents now and in the future. We will do this by partnering with mana whenua and our wider community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are home to the largest population of Pacific people in Auckland. We also have a high proportion of Māori residents and growing ethnic diversity. That diversity means we need dynamic spaces and facilities.• Reduce the digital gap across communities and generations• Well used and maintained local parks and playgrounds where we meet, play, and keep healthy• Young people, families, and different groups - cultural, faith-based, leisure or sports are active and engaged in community life• Work in partnership with Hau Kainga

<p>Our places</p> <p>We want great, safe neighbourhoods that are well connected with accessible local transport options. We want to create and design attractive spaces that meet your needs and greatly enhance the quality of life for residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placemaking: welcoming, safe spaces and places
<p>Our economy</p> <p>We want to attract and retain businesses in our town centres and industrial areas. We want to support our big developers, such as Auckland International Airport, and our various business associations to make it easier for employers and employees to benefit from being in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangatahi/youth in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu are placed into meaningful employment • Increased employment opportunities and the employability of residents • Local businesses are equipped to respond to environmental changes/ challenges • Local town centres are revitalised, diversifying to meet future trends and economic opportunities, are attractive places to meet, and are safe for shoppers and visitors

Higher Priorities for funding

A higher priority will be given to projects/activities that:

- align with “Revitalising Town Centre” priorities
- align with “Environment” priorities
- provide opportunities for youth leadership and participation in employment
- increase and enhance digital skills, access, and abilities for all
- celebrate culture diversity
- promote uptake of walking, cycling and public transport that increase community connectivity, improve health and reduce emissions
- tackle illegal dumping in hot spot areas
- address anti-social behaviour and address local safety issues, supporting neighbourhood safety and crime prevention

Revitalising Town Centres Priorities

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board aims to support revitalising and increasing economic activity in its local town centres.

Higher priority will be given to initiatives that are:

- Promoting economic development in the town centres and strengthening their roles as community hubs.
- Building capacity and empowerment in the community.
- Neighbourhood or community events or activations in the town centre.
- Beautification of town centres.
- Free or low-cost business development workshops that benefit local business owners.

- Mentoring on strategic thinking and planning for business associations.
- Building kai resilience around town centres.

Environment Priorities

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board aims to support initiatives that preserving, protecting, and promoting natural environment within its local board area.

Higher priority will be given to initiatives that are:

- Education and awareness programmes to manage waste safely and reduce the negative impact on the environment
- Waste minimisation, food scraps, community gardens programmes
- Managing pest plants and pest animals to protect biodiversity values
- Local stream restoration and improving the quality of local waterways
- Material costs associated with environmental projects (e.g. plants, fencing material, and equipment)
- Tree planting initiatives

Lower Priorities for funding

A lower priority will be given to applications that:

- are ticketed events
- operational costs, including wages and salaries except where professional services are required beyond the expertise of the applicant, i.e., specialists, facilitator, coaching fees
- support the purchase of, or maintenance associated with, motor vehicles
- benefit a third party (e.g. activity to gain money for an organisation)
- for activities, or from groups based outside the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area
- for the same project that has been funded by local board in the same financial year
- no quotes and/or detailed project plan provided

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 priority – Paragraphs 87-88

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

- Applicants who have failed to complete or provide a satisfactory accountability form from previous grants received
- Applications for projects or events with start dates earlier than the round required project start date
- Koha/cash donations (unless the Board accepts there are genuine mitigating circumstances)

Investment approach

There are no required application amount restrictions in 2025/2026.

The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board has allocated budget within a limited funding envelope to support the communities needs through their grants programme.

Communities are encouraged to consider all funding opportunities from a variety of funding agencies available to them.

Obligations if you receive funding

The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board requires that all successful applicants to:

- Complete and submit accountability report by the due date, proving that the grant has been used to deliver the set outcomes and objectives. The accountability report can be accessed on the Smarty Grant portal.
- Provide all required receipts and sufficient photos for the implemented activities on the grant's accountability report
- Include local board logo on publicity and signage and display of Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board branding whenever appropriate in accordance with Council's brand guidelines
- Acknowledge the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board as a supporter in media releases or other communication to the public
- Extend an invitation to the local board members for any event or function funded.

Additionally, successful applicants would be welcome to provide a verbal report at a Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board business meeting. Please contact the local board's Democracy Advisor to make arrangements to speak at the deputation or public forum.

Application dates

- 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

Grant Round	Open Date	Close Date	Decision Date	Project to occur after
Round One	23 June 2025	1 August 2025	17 September 2025	1 October 2025
Round Two	12 January 2026	20 February 2026	15 April 2026*	1 May 2026
Round Three	16 March 2026	24 April 2026	17 June 2026*	1 July 2026

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

Quick Response Grants

Please note: The Quick Response Grant is not being offered for the 2025/2026 financial year.

All applications should now be submitted through the Local Grant Rounds regardless of the amount applied for as the board has removed the restrictions on the funding amounts.

