



Māngere-  
Ōtāhuhu  
**Community  
Grants  
Programme  
2024/2025**



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# Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

## Community Grants Programme 2024/2025

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
<b>Our people</b>  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"><li>• Achieving Māori aspirations through partnership, project delivery, and increased cogovernance across our projects</li><li>• Empowered rangatahi who are actively engaged in the community</li><li>• Local community networks are supported to deliver projects and events</li><li>• A creative community where talent is identified and promoted</li></ul>
<b>Our environment</b>  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"><li>• Local climate programmes that increase climate resilience and preparedness</li><li>• Engagement with mana whenua and iwi through Rangatira ki te Rangatira Kaupapa</li><li>• Increased tree cover and greenspace</li><li>• Healthy and biodiverse streams, estuaries, and harbours</li></ul>
<b>Our community</b>  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"><li>• 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.</li><li>• Reduce the digital gap across communities and generations</li><li>• Well used and maintained local parks and playgrounds where we meet, play, and keep healthy</li><li>• Young people, families, and different groups - cultural, faith-based, leisure or sports are active and engaged in community life</li><li>• Work in partnership with Hau Kainga</li></ul>

<p><b>Our places</b></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"> <li>• Placemaking: welcoming, safe spaces and places</li> </ul>
<p><b>Our economy</b></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"> <li>• Rangatahi/youth in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu are placed into meaningful employment</li> <li>• Increased employment opportunities and the employability of residents</li> <li>• Local businesses are equipped to respond to environmental changes/ challenges</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

## Higher Priorities

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

- provide opportunities for youth leadership and participation in employment
- foster greater community cohesion and inclusivity, celebrate our culture diversity
- community-led initiatives for: stream restoration, pest control, tree planting, waste minimisation projects, addressing illegal dumping in hot spot areas
- share local climate action information and education opportunities
- promote uptake of walking, cycling and public transport that increase community connectivity, improve health and reduce emissions
- increase and enhance digital skills, access, and abilities for all
- help revitalise and increase economic activity in the local town centres
- are delivered around our town centres to support the local economy and encourage community inclusion
- address anti-social behaviour and address local safety issues, supporting neighbourhood safety and crime prevention
- offers healthy food alternatives, including water as the first choice
- focus on supporting vulnerable groups

## Lower Priorities

A lower priority will be given to applications that:

- are ticketed events
- request to cover for wages or operational costs
- support the purchase of, or maintenance associated with, motor vehicles
- benefit a third party (e.g. activity to gain money for an organisation)
- are outside the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area
- for the same project that has been funded by local board in the same financial year
- applicant who has failed to complete or provide a satisfactory accountability from previous grants received
- 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

## Investment approach

Each round has a minimum and a maximum amount you can apply for. You can see the limits below:

- Quick Response Grants      \$0 - \$2,000
- Local Grants                      \$2,000 - No limit

## Accountability measures

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.

# Revitalising Town Centres Grants

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

## Who can apply?

Community groups, social enterprises and business associations who intend to deliver activities in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu local town centres.

## Where to apply?

- Applications will be accepted in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Grants and Quick Response Rounds.
- Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and will be given **higher priority** if the initiative aligns with Revitalising Town Centres Grants criteria.

## Outcomes

The grant will support the following outcomes:

- Neighbourhood or community events or activations in the town centre.
- Beautification of town centres.
- Business development workshops that benefit local business owners.
- Mentoring on strategic thinking and planning for business associations.
- Safety initiatives.
- Building kai resilience around town centres.
- Cultural reflection of communities within the local board catchment area.

## Funding priorities

We welcome grant applications that align to the following priorities:

- Promoting economic development in the town centres and strengthening their roles as community hubs.
- Celebrating the heritage and cultural diversity of our communities.
- Building capacity and empowerment in the community.

# Environment Grants

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board aims to support initiatives that preserving, protecting, and promoting our natural environment with in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area.

## Who can apply?

Community groups, environmental groups and landowners operating within the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area.

Applications are accepted for work on private land or public land.

## Where to apply?

- Applications will be accepted in Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Grants and Quick Response Grants Rounds.
- Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and will be given higher priority for funding if the initiative aligns with Environment Grants criteria.

## Local Board Objectives – what your project/initiative needs to achieve

- 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

## Funding priorities

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
- Collaborating with other community organisations
- Purchase goods or services locally.
- Material costs associated with environmental projects (e.g. plants, fencing material, and equipment)

# 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

Type of grant	Round	Open date	Close date	Decision made	Project to Occur After date
Local grant	One	19 August 2024	27 September 2024	20 November 2024	1 December 2024
Local grant	Two	17 March 2025	25 April 2025	18 June 2025	1 July 2025

## Quick Response Grants

Type of grant	Round	Open date	Close date	Decision made	Project to Occur After date
Quick response	One	8 July 2024	9 August 2024	18 September 2024	1 October 2024
Quick response	Two	3 February 2025	7 March 2025	16 April 2025	1 May 2025

## Multi-board funding

Please note that the Multi-board Grant programme has been **cancelled** for financial year 2024/2025.

If your project spans across and/or have participants from multiple local board areas, you may apply to each respective local board through their individual grant programmes.



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