



Manurewa
**Community
Grants
Programme**
2025/2026



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Manurewa Local Board

Community Grants Programme 2025/2026

Our Local Grants Programme aims to provide grants to local communities in order to help them achieve their aspirations. So together we will help Manurewa thrive and enable people to connect. Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the following objectives, as outlined in the [Manurewa Local Board Plan 2023](#):

Local Board Plan	Objectives – what your grants should achieve
Our people Our people are resilient, connected and engaged. We take pride in Manurewa, enjoying quality of life, diversity and a sense of safety and connection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family, whānau and social wellbeing is strengthened• Older people are connected socially through age-friendly activities and opportunities• Māori participation is effective and meaningful• Young people are engaged, have a voice and contribute positively to local life• People know each other, feel connected in their neighbourhoods and play a key part in shaping Manurewa• People feel their neighbourhoods and public places are safe and attractive
Our environment Our environment is protected, restored and enhanced. We care for our natural treasures, restored waterways and flourishing urban forest. We're reducing our carbon footprint, greenhouse gas emissions and waste, and building community resilience to climate change effects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We protect our natural areas, are pest free and regenerating to enhance biodiversity and ecosystems• We are a low-carbon community with zero waste• Our communities strengthen their resilience to disasters and climate change effects• The water quality of our harbours and waterways is steadily improving
Our community Our communities enjoy responsive services and facilities that enable great participation. Our facilities and public places are popular gathering points. They offer choices for people from different backgrounds and life-stages to take part in sports, recreation, creativity and play.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People can easily access free social and recreational activity• Our open space and sports field network meets the demands of our diverse communities• Facilities and public spaces are welcoming, inclusive and promote wellbeing and sustainability outcomes• Our communities experience food security• Climate change and sustainability initiatives are visible within our local facilities• Māori heritage and identity are an intrinsic part of who we are and what we experience every day• Children have lots of options for casual or informal play• Creative talent is visible and celebrated

<p>Our places</p> <p>Our urban development attracts quality employment, community and sustainability outcomes that meet the needs of our growing population. Our transport network is accessible, affordable, offers choice and makes it easy to move around.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Great South Road corridor is a great place to live and do business with an integrated regional transport hub • Cultural diversity is reflected in our amenities • Manurewa residents benefit from developments taking place in Manukau • Our streets and paths are safe and easy to use • Transport options encourage a mode shift from private car use, are easy to access and meet diverse community needs
<p>Our economy</p> <p>Our local economy is strong, and our town centres are thriving. People can live, work and play close to home. Businesses want to invest here, local people can get quality local jobs, and young people are well prepared for, and engaged in, the workforce.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our local economy continues to grow • Local ventures enjoy economic success, innovation and enterprise • Young people have the skills and training needed for quality, sustainable employment • Māori and Pasifika are engaged in creating and sharing the benefits of a fairer economy for south Auckland

Higher Priorities for funding:

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

- Strengthening neighbourhood cohesion, whanau and tamariki well-being
- Supporting youth development, employment opportunities for young people through targeted training and skill-building programmes
- Showcasing and celebrating Māori culture, stories and identity
- Increasing the celebration of cultural diversity
- Support and promotion of Māori success, innovation and enterprise
- Community-led education programmes that increase awareness of low carbon actions people can take to achieve energy efficient and healthy homes and lifestyles
- Encouraging reductions in illegal dumping across all communities in Manurewa
- Including older people and foster their community participation
- Recreational activities in our facilities and parks that support people of all ages' physical, social and mental wellbeing
- Providing free or low-cost training opportunities and resources for skills and qualifications.

Healthy Environment Principles

The Manurewa Local Board has endorsed the Healthy Environment principles:

Applicants with the following messages and practices are encouraged to apply:

- Smoke free
- Zero waste
- Healthy options for food and drink, including water as the first choice
- Active lifestyles

Lower priorities for funding:

A lower priority will be automatically given to applications that are:

- ticketed events, commercial events or events that promote a brand or company
- operational costs, including wages and salaries except where professional services is required beyond the expertise of the applicant, i.e., specialist, facilitator, coaching fees
- benefit a third party (e.g. activity to gain money for an organisation)
- for activities, or from groups outside the Local Board area
- cash donations, gifts, prizes
- no quotes and/or detailed project plan provided

Exclusions - What we won't fund

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

- Applicants who have failed to complete or provide a satisfactory accountability form from previous grants received
- Applications requesting funding for projects or events which have already taken place

Investment approach

Each round has a funding limit you can apply for, which you can see below:

Funding limit for Manurewa Local Grant

You need to apply for at least **\$1,000**

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 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 Grant Round Dates:

Type of grant	Round	Open	Close	Decision	Project start
Local Grant	One	23 June 2025	1 August 2025	18 September 2025	1 October 2025
Local Grant	Two	1 September 2025	10 October 2025	5 December 2025*	31 December 2025
Local Grant	Three	12 January 2026	20 February 2026	16 April 2026*	1 May 2026
Local Grant	Four	16 March 2026	24 April 2026	18 June 2026*	1 July 2026

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

Accountability measures

The Manurewa 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 approved outcomes and objectives
- Include Manurewa local board logo on publicity and promotional material, with the words “funded by/part funded by Manurewa Local Board”

Additionally, successful applicants would be welcome to provide a verbal report at a Manurewa Local Board business meeting. Ten minutes at the start of the meeting can be set aside for a deputation or three minutes during public forum. Please contact the local board’s Democracy Advisor to make arrangements.

