



Maungakiekie- Tāmaki Local Board Grants Programme 2025/2026



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

Outcomes sought from the local grants programme

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the following outcomes, as outlined in our local board plan:

- Our people feel a sense of belonging and our diversity is celebrated
- Our arawai / waterways and whenua / land are healthy and thriving
- Our facilities and open spaces are accessible, cost-effective, fit-for-purpose and welcoming to our diverse communities
- We have connected neighbourhoods where people feel safe in our community
- Our town centres are thriving, and our businesses are resilient

Our priorities for grants

The Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board welcomes grant applications that deliver the following priorities outlined in the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan:

- **Our people feel a sense of belonging and our diversity is celebrated**
 - Mana whenua and Māori are active partners and participants in local decision-making
 - Communities are given the opportunity to fully participate in local decision-making
 - Communities feel a sense of belonging and are supported to thrive
 - Communities are equipped and empowered to sustainably overcome challenges and succeed
- **Our arawai / waterways and whenua / land are healthy and thriving**
 - We support mana whenua and Māori to fulfil their role as kaitiaki and enhance the mauri of te taiao
 - Our ecosystems are respected, protected, and restored
 - Our community is resilient and feels prepared for the effects of climate change
- **Our facilities and open spaces are accessible, cost-effective, fit-for-purpose and welcoming to our diverse communities**
 - Community places are accessible and welcoming to our diverse communities
 - Māori culture and identity are visible
 - Our community facilities and open spaces are interconnected, cost efficient, and fit-for-purpose
- **We have connected neighbourhoods where people feel safe in our community**
 - We encourage well planned and sustainable infrastructure that supports our growth
 - People and traffic move more freely and safely around our area

- **Our town centres are thriving, and our businesses are resilient**
 - People are empowered and have access to local employment, education and training opportunities
 - We encourage enterprise and innovation in our community
 - Thriving local businesses
 - Local businesses are supported to provide an environmentally sustainable future

Higher Priority

- projects that are inclusive and support under-represented members of the community.
- we will also consider applications for match funding. Match funding is where grants are provided in exchange for the community group's 'match' in volunteer labour, cash or donated goods and services up to the value of 40%. Applications will be prioritised and assessed under the same priorities as other grants.
- projects or activities which empower the community to enhance their resilience to emergencies and the impact of climate change.
- projects or activities that make the communities, feel connected and supported to plan, deliver, and participate in activities and services in their local area.
- Events that build a sense of connection among diverse communities and special interest groups, that provide an opportunity to showcase different cultures and stimulate economic activity.
- projects or events that align with the healthy environment principles of:
 - water is the first choice
 - good kai (food) for all
 - projects that demonstrate smokefree, alcohol and drug-free programmes, sustainable lifestyles and low-carbon messages
 - promotes waste reduction initiatives
- initiatives that will increase economic activity and recovery in local town centres.
- targets and supports local resident participation
- applicants who have considered other sources of funding for their project.
- there will be a particular focus on supporting economic development initiatives and support for initiatives that address community resilience and recovery.
- demonstrate collaboration e.g., involves working with other like-minded organisations and/or different parts of the community.

Lower Priorities

- catering
- the purchase of electronic equipment
- ongoing administration costs – for example wages, salaries or rent with the exception of fees for professional and specialised services.
- fundraising activities for a group or organisation
- projects or events that are outside the local board
- initiatives that are eligible and can be funded by central government
- projects that do not demonstrate any benefit to the wider community
- applications for travel and accommodation outside Auckland unless there is strong evidence of benefit to the community.

Exclusions

The Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board will not fund:

- gifts/prizes.
- groups that have failed to meet accountability obligations from previous council grants except in exceptional circumstances.
- grants to support the purchase of assets and/or equipment with limited future use.
- applications for liquor licenses.
- applicants are ineligible to apply for the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board contestable grants if they have had one successful grant application within the current financial year.
- grants for the sole purpose of an individual

Investment approach

The Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board will generally grant:

Grants scheme	Minimum amount per application	Maximum amount per application
Quick response	\$500	\$2,000
Local grants	\$2,000	\$10,000

Application dates

Grant rounds for 2025/2026 will be as follows

Local grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision date	Projects to start after
Round One	23 June 2025	1 August 2025	23 September 2025	1 October 2025
Round Two	9 February 2026	20 March 2026	26 May 2026*	1 June 2026

Quick Response

Quick Response round	Opens	Closes	Decision date	Projects to start after
Round One	6 April 2026	1 May 2026	30 June 2026*	1 July 2026

*** Please note that due to local board elections in October 2025 the decision date for 2026 may change**

Accountability measures

Accountability is an important step where successful applicants demonstrate what benefits came from their initiative. It is also about properly acknowledging where the funding for the activity came from.

Accountability measures should be appropriate to the nature of the application and, in particular, the size of the grant. Therefore, specific accountability measures will be put in place by the local board at the time the grants are decided and will include financial reporting.