



Puketāpapa Local Board Grants Programme 2025/2026



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Our Local Grants Programme aims to provide community grants to local communities through public and open grant rounds.

Outcomes sought by the Puketāpapa Local Board

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

- There is strong local leadership, with resilient, safe and supportive communities, particularly through times of change and challenge.
- Cultural diversity is proudly celebrated in Puketāpapa.
- Te ao Māori is valued and reflected in the rohe.
- Growth and development cater for severe weather events and enhance the natural environment.
- Climate resilience is front of mind and our people can live in environmentally sustainable way.

Businesses and events contribute to both economic growth and vibrancy, embracing the richness that comes from our varied backgrounds and talents.

Our objectives sought from grant applications

The Puketāpapa Local Board welcomes grant applications that align with the following local board plan objectives:

Note: these objectives relate to the local board initiatives as outlined in the local board plan:

- Our people are thriving and have a strong sense of connection to Puketāpapa and its range of multi-cultural communities.
- Our natural environment is valued and cared for, and people feel a sense of connection with local parks, rivers and the harbour.
- Our communities have the places and activities that enhance their lifestyles.
- Our changing neighbourhoods are well-designed, creating places that are safe, accessible and inviting.

- Puketāpapa thrives as a desirable place for business where people can work and shop locally.
- Effective Māori participation, identity and culture.
- Communities of greatest need are a focus for support.
- People live more climate-friendly and healthy lifestyles.
- People have access to opportunities that improve their wellbeing.

Higher priorities:

The Puketāpapa Local Board will **prioritise** projects which:

- support community resilience and recovery
 - ❖ demonstrate how a group will reach the more vulnerable in our community.
- demonstrate collaboration e.g., involves working with other like-minded organisations and/or different parts of the community.
- seek other funding.
- addresses two or more of the [“Five ways of Wellbeing”](#) outlined by the Mental Health Foundation NZ.
- support and promote volunteerism.
- can demonstrate community match funding (groups who demonstrate that 40% of project costs have already been met, including the approximate value provided by volunteers as a contribution to projects, events and/or initiatives).
- encourages people to engage with their wider community.
- projects or events that align with the healthy environment principles of:
 - ❖ water is the first choice.
 - ❖ good kai (food) for all.
 - ❖ projects that demonstrate smoke-free, alcohol and drug-free programmes, sustainable lifestyles and low-carbon messages.
 - ❖ promotes waste reduction initiatives.
- targets and supports local resident delivery and participation.
- projects/activities with Māori outcomes.
- projects that are inclusive and support under-represented members of the community.

Lower Priorities:

The Puketāpapa Local Board has identified the following activities as **lower priorities**:

- entry fees for programmes or events.
- projects or events that are outside the local board area.
- air travel and overseas costs.
- wages or operational costs with the exception of fees for professional and specialised services.
- transport costs unless there is strong evidence of the benefits to the community.
- catering.
- gifts/prizes.
- grants which support the purchase of assets and/or equipment with limited future use (single use).

- fundraising activities for a group or organization.
- activities that primarily benefit a third party (e.g., activity to gain money for an organisation).
- application by groups who have already received grants within the current financial year.

Eligibility

Refer to paragraphs 71, 72 and 73 of the [Community Grants Policy](#):

Commercial entities may apply for grants only where there is a clear and direct benefit for the wider community. "Profit generated by a grant-funded project, event or activity may only be retained by the grant recipient if it is reinvested in a social, environmental or cultural mission".

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

- projects and activities where funding is the responsibility of the central government (e.g., core education, primary health care).
- schools, unless one of the following can be demonstrated:
 - ❖ community need and benefit to the wider community.
 - ❖ accessibility to the public out-of-school hours.
- applicants who have failed to complete or provide a satisfactory accountability form from previous grants.
- individuals or sole traders or limited liability companies; unless the benefit to the wider community can be demonstrated (please connect with the grants advisor to discuss the eligibility of your application).
- applications towards alcohol or liquor licenses.
- groups requesting funding below the minimum or over the maximum amount set.
- applications for travel and accommodation outside Auckland unless there is strong evidence of benefit to the local community.
- activities that promote religious ministry or political purposes (Community Grants Policy paragraph 86).

Investment approach

The Puketāpapa Local Board grant rounds will be as follows:

Grant name	Quick Response Grants	Local Project Grants	Strategic Relationships Grant
Minimum and maximum amounts	Minimum amount per grant: \$300 Maximum amount per grant: \$2,000	Minimum amount per grant: \$2,000 Maximum amount per grant: Indicative \$10,000	Indicative amount per grant: \$10,000 - \$20,000
Number of rounds per year	2	2	1

Comments	Small (quick response) grants to supplement other funding to ensure a project/ event can take place.	Medium (local) sized grants	Large (strategic) grants to support organisations that are delivering outcomes that are aligned with the board's
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Accountability measures for Local and Quick Response Grants:

The Puketāpapa Local Board requires that all successful applicants provide:

- photos of the activity.
- invitations to the local board for any event or function funded, are requested.
- public acknowledgement of local board funding including the use of the local board logo on any advertising materials.
- meet council standard financial accountability requirement.

Application and decision dates for 2025/2026 will be as follows:

a) Quick Response

Grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
One	23 March 2026	1 May 2026	18 June 2026*	1 July 2026

b) Local Grant

Grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
One	23 June 2025	1 August 2025	18 September 2025	1 October 2025
Two	2 February 2026	13 March 2026	16 April 2026*	1 May 2026

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

Other Puketāpapa Local Board funding opportunities:

c) Neighbours Day 2026

Applications are expected to open for Neighbours Day in February 2026, for events around the national Neighbours Day Aotearoa.