

Upper Harbour Local Board

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

Priorities sought for Local Grant Programme applications

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the priorities outlined in our local board plan, in particular:

- **Empowered, connected and resilient Upper Harbour communities** e.g., community workshops, events and projects that help build connections and resilience across diverse communities including youth, newcomers, and seniors.
- **Healthy and active communities** e.g., Community Sports and Recreation including club and informal sport and recreation activities, events, facilities and equipment.
- **Our unique natural environment is valued, protected and enhanced** e.g., ecological restoration, projects that include indigenous or culturally valued biodiversity.
- **A resilient local economy** e.g., initiatives that eliminate waste and encourage reuse of resources, initiatives that grow local employment opportunities, projects that help enhance business resilience and youth entrepreneurship.

Our priorities for contestable grants

The Upper Harbour Local Board welcomes grant applications that align with the local board plan priorities. All applications will be measured on their merits and consideration will be given to initiatives that contribute to (in no order of priority):

- Community participation and wellbeing.
- Families
- Newcomers
- Sport and recreation
- The environment
- Youth

Eligibility

- applicants with no legal structure applying for more than \$1,000 must nominate an umbrella organisation or apply to have their funding released upon receipt of accountability.
- initiatives must fit with at least one of the board's priorities as stipulated in the Upper Harbour Local Board Plan. (See the plan here: <http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/AboutCouncil/representativesbodies/LocalBoards/Documents/upperharbourlocalboardplan.pdf>)
- preference will be given to initiatives which take place in the Upper Harbour Local Board area and/or are of benefit to Upper Harbour Local Board residents.

Exclusions

- initiatives must not be a core service provided by central government (e.g. primary healthcare or education).
- initiatives must not have already taken place before the board has the opportunity to consider the application (unless the board accepts there are genuine mitigating circumstances).
- activities of debt repayment and promoting particular political goals are ineligible for funding
- applicants must not have outstanding accountability obligations from previous council grants
- applications for the same projects more than once in a financial year (excluding feasibility studies and concept planning)
- activities that do not relate to one or more of the local board plan outcomes

Exclusions under the Community Grants Policy paragraph 86

- Activities that promote religious ministry or political purposes

Lower priorities

- legal costs, salaries and wages are deemed to be a low priority for funding.
- schools and churches will only be funded if there is a significant community benefit.

Grants approach and application dates

The Upper Harbour 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.

Quick Response grants have a maximum amount per grant of \$5,000.

Grant rounds for the 2021/2022 financial year will be as follows

2021/2022 grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Local Grant Round one	12 July 2021	20 August 2021	21 October 2021	1 November 2021
Local Grant Round Two	14 February 2022	25 March 2022	19 May 2022	1 June 2022
Quick Response Round One	11 April 2022	6 May 2022	16 June 2022	1 July 2022

Multi-board funding

Upper Harbour Board will also consider funding multi-board grant applications in collaboration with other local boards. Applicants will need to clearly demonstrate how their intended project, event and/or activities will specifically benefit people and communities in the Upper Harbour Local Board area.

Multiboard grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Local Grant Round one	14 June 2021	6 August 2021	21 October 2021	1 November 2021
Local Grant Round two	17 January 2022	18 March 2022	19 May 2022	1 June 2022

Obligations if you receive funding

In order to ensure that the Upper Harbour Local Board grant achieves positive results, recipients will be obligated to provide evidence that the assistance has been used for the agreed purpose and the stated outcomes have been achieved. Obligations will be outlined in a funding agreement that the applicant will be required to enter into.

The following accountability measures are required:

- The completion and submission of accountability forms (including receipts), proving that grants have been used for the right purpose.
- Any grant money that is unspent and not used for the project must be returned to the Upper Harbour Local Board.
- Recognition of the Upper Harbour Local Board's support of your initiative (e.g. using the Upper Harbour Local Board logo on promotional material).

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