



# **Waiheke Local Board Grants Programme 2024/2025**



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# Waiheke Local Board Grants Programme

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

## Outcomes sought from the local grants programme

The Waiheke Local Board recognises the vital role that community groups and organisations play in developing diverse, strong, inclusive, connected and sustainable communities.

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the priorities in our [Local Board Plan](#) – such as environmental, cultural, arts, community development, recreational and heritage initiatives, and supporting our youth.

We aim to assist groups to provide activities, projects, programmes, initiatives, and events that make a positive contribution within our local board area.

## Our priorities for grants

Below is a selection of priorities from the Waiheke Local Board Plan. When you apply for a grant, you will choose one of these with which your project must align to be funded:

- Develop community capacity to be resilient and connected
- Build a healthy, diverse and supportive society, where people feel there is care, respect and all people are valued
- Strengthen collaboration, wellbeing and potential with Māori through partnership and giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Contribute to a flourishing arts sector that celebrates our unique island identity and is recognised as an arts destination
- Ensure that youth are valued and have opportunities to thrive
- Improve our community's wellbeing by providing quality arts, recreational and community events in open spaces and our community facilities
- Embrace, sustain and celebrate Waiheke's rich Māori identity, knowledge and cultural history
- Promote sustainable living in our community
- Support Marae to be sustainable cultural centres
- Ensure economic development on Waiheke is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable
- Promote Waiheke as a sanctuary in the gulf and a sustainable tourism destination
- Strengthen our economy in keeping with the island's character and our need to increase our resiliency
- Create community groups and hubs that allow for local employment and community events
- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Align work with the Waiheke Climate Action Plan

- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
- Reduce the waste stream and provide education to manage water systems consistent with Waiheke being a water sensitive community

## Higher Priority

- Collaborations between community organisations
- Projects that are based in the board area and use local suppliers
- Projects which address socioeconomic inequity and provides opportunity for those not able to participate without funding support

## Lower Priorities

The activities below may still be funded, however the board will view them as a lower priority particularly in over-subscribed rounds:

- Commercial entities and promotion of commercial entities
- Ticketed events
- Sporting uniforms and travelling for sports
- Activities that primarily benefit communities outside the Waiheke Local Board area
- Activities that primarily benefit a third party (e.g. activity to gain money for an organisation)
- Grants to support the purchase of, or maintenance associated with motor vehicles
- Wages and/or organisational operating costs
- Individuals with projects on private land

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined the [Community Grants Policy](#), the Waiheke Local Board will not fund:

- Alcohol
- Applications for Liquor licenses

## Investment approach

The Waiheke Local Board will allocate budget annually to support the local grants programme which will be divided into three approaches:

- Quick Response Grants: for grants \$500 to \$2,000
- Local Grants: For grants \$2,500 to \$10,000
- Environmental Grants: For grants \$2,000 to \$10,000 and a requirement for applicant contribution (financial, in-kind or voluntary labour) towards project costs

# Waiheke Environmental Grants:

The local board aims to support and grow community and landowner conservation efforts and environmental initiatives within the Waiheke Local Board area.

## Grant outcomes:

Below are some of the priorities from the Waiheke Local Board Plan. When you apply for a grant, you will choose one of these that your project must align with to be funded:

- Restore, enhance, and protect our natural environment in partnership with our community
- Align work with the Waiheke Climate Action Plan
- Improve conservation of our marine and coastal environment
- Reduce the waste stream and provide education to manage water systems consistent with Waiheke being a water sensitive community

## Who can apply?

Grants are available to all community groups, environmental groups and landowners operating within the Waiheke Local Board area.

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

In addition to the higher priorities for grants, the environmental grant round will prioritise material costs associated with environmental projects (e.g. plants, fencing material, and equipment) and for projects which enhance sites with high biodiversity values.

# Application Dates

**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.

*Table 1 – Quick Response*

2023/2024	Opens	Closes	Decision Made	Project to Occur After
Round one	22 July 2024	16 August 2024	25 September 2024	1 October 2024
Round two	27 January 2025	21 February 2025	26 March 2025	1 April 2025

*Table 2 – Local Grants and Environmental grants*

2023/2024	Opens	Closes	Decision Made	Project to Occur After
Round one	26 August 2024	4 October 2024	27 November 2024	1 December 2024
Round two	17 March 2025	25 April 2025	25 June 2025	1 July 2025

## Accountability measures

Two months after your project is completed, you will need to submit an accountability report. It can be accessed on the Smarty Grants portal and requires the following information:

- Information on how the project contributed to local board priorities and outcomes
- Financial information that meets council standard financial accountability requirements

Additionally you must:

- Recognise the Waiheke Local Board's support of your initiative
- Where appropriate, invite members of the board to the funded project, programme, activity or event

