



Waitākere
Ranges
**Community
Grants
Programme**
2023/2024



Waitākere Ranges Local Board

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Our Community Grants Programme aims to provide contestable community grants to local communities.

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the following outcomes and priorities, as outlined in our [Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan 2020](#).

The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area is protected and enhanced, and connections with surrounding communities are strengthened

- Deliver a range of local activities across all local board plan outcomes that help deliver on the objectives of the [Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008](#)
- Protect and enhance the area's heritage features

We work closely with mataawaka and mana whenua partners

- Access to a range of projects and opportunities for collaboration with Māori

We work to respect, protect, and restore the environment

- Our natural environments are protected

Our communities are resilient and strong

- Communities take action to improve their resilience

Our communities experience wellbeing, belonging and participation

- Support for projects and activities that realise the aspirations of local people for the benefit of their communities

People have a range of opportunities to experience arts, culture, and heritage

- Access to a range of arts experiences
- Access to a range of community activities and events
- Recognition of local historic and cultural heritage

We have infrastructure and facilities that support and enhance our neighbourhoods and town centres

- Well maintained, accessible parks, facilities and public spaces

Higher Priorities

In addition to the priority outcomes above, a higher priority will be given to projects/activities:

- That are smokefree (incl. vaping) and provide healthy food for events and projects
- That encourage waste minimisation and endorse zero waste practices
- That foster increased resilience, connectedness, and wellbeing in our communities and environment

Note: Waitākere Ranges Local Board will also support applications for community projects in areas which are affected by filming activity¹

- ¹ Funding received from ScreenAuckland for filming activity on local parks and beaches is available for community grants

Lower Priorities

A lower priority will be given to applications in the following circumstances:

- Where the applicant has considerable cash reserves relative to the amount applied for, unless the applicant can verify that the reserves are required or tagged for a specific project
- Groups and/or activities taking place outside the local board area, unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate benefit to the local board area community members
- Applications for projects that have already received alternative local board funding during the current financial year
- Where the applicant is a national organisation

Exclusions

In addition to the exclusions outlined in the [Community Grants Policy 2014](#) (Paragraphs 84-86), Waitākere Ranges Local Board will not fund:

- Events that promote a brand or company advertising alcohol or fast food, particularly if the event has young children and young people participating
- Applicants that have failed to meet previous accountability obligations, except on the condition that the outstanding accountability is completed
- Projects that have already been supported twice by Waitākere Ranges Local Board grants during the current financial year

Eligibility

Please refer to the [Community Grants Policy 2014](#) 'scope and eligibility' for general eligibility criteria:

- Ineligible applicants – Paragraph 78
- What we won't fund – Paragraphs 84-86
- Lower priority – Paragraphs 87-88

Investment approach

The Waitākere Ranges Local Board has allocated budgets to support the grants programme as follows:

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| - Quick Response Grants | \$500 – \$ 1,500 |
| - Local Grants | \$1,500 - \$12,000 |
| - Multi-Board Grants | \$1,500 - \$12,000 |

Note: applicants may request outside of the minimum and maximum amounts, however we strongly encourage applicants to keep requests within the respective amounts for each grant round type.

Multi-board funding

Waitākere Ranges Local 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 Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.

Application dates

Applications will be accepted from the **opening date** and must be submitted by the **closing date**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome after the **decision date**.

Type of grant	Round	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Project to occur after
Multi-Board	One	3 July 2023	1 September 2023	23 November 2023	1 December 2023
Local Grant	One	14 August 2023	29 September 2023	23 November 2023	1 December 2023
Quick Response	One	21 August 2023	15 September 2023	26 October 2023	1 November 2023
Local Grant	Two	15 January 2024	23 February 2024	25 April 2024	1 May 2024
Multi-Board	Two	15 January 2024	15 March 2024	25 April 2024	1 May 2024
Quick Response	Two	22 April 2024	24 May 2024	27 June 2024	1 July 2024

Accountability measures

The Waitākere Ranges Local Board requires that all successful applicants to provide:

- Complete and submit accountability report by the due date, proving that the grant has been used to deliver the set outcomes and objectives
- Provide all required receipts and sufficient photos for the implemented activities on the grant's accountability report
- Include local board logo on publicity and signage and display of Waitākere Ranges Local Board branding whenever appropriate in accordance with Council's brand guidelines
- Acknowledge the Waitākere Ranges Local Board as a supporter in media releases or other communication to the public
- Extend an Invitation to the local board members for any event or function funded

