

Whau Local Board

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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 achieving the following outcomes, as outlined in our local board plan:

- Strong, resilient, and inclusive communities where local identity, diversity and creativity are nurtured
- Māori aspirations are advanced and prioritised, and Māori history and identity are valued and reflected in our community spaces
- Quality urban development and community facilities to meet the needs of our growing and changing population
- Improved and expanded opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport
- Our natural environment is protected and enhanced
- Thriving town centres, a strong local economy and neighbourhoods that are supportive and connected

Our priorities for grants

The Whau Local Board welcomes grant applications that align with one or more of the following priorities and deliver initiatives and activities to achieve the Whau Local Board plan:

Strong, resilient, and inclusive communities where local identity, diversity and creativity are nurtured

- Our diverse communities are empowered to promote their cultural traditions and interests, engage with other communities and foster leadership
- Our youngest, oldest, and most vulnerable citizens are respected, included, and cared for, particularly in light of the evolving COVID-19 situation
- Our communities' voices are heard and responded to, and everyone has an opportunity to participate
- The Whau is known and loved for its distinctive creative identity

Māori aspirations are advanced and prioritised, and Māori history and identity are valued and reflected in our community spaces

- The distinctive Māori heritage of the Whau area and its mana whenua is visible in key community spaces
- Our partnerships with mana whenua are strengthened
- Māori principles and traditions are considered early in our major Projects and planning processes
- Māori People living in the Whau are empowered to realise their aspirations for their whānau and local communities

Quality urban development and community facilities to meet the needs of our growing and changing population

- The Whau has community assets and open spaces that can accommodate future growth and increased housing density
- Opportunities for growth and regeneration consider the needs of all affected communities
- Critical infrastructure is designed and upgraded to meet not only the challenge of growth, but also climate change
- Everyone in the Whau has opportunities for active and passive recreation in our parks and open spaces

Improved and expanded opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport

- More safe, attractive and high-quality walking and cycling connections are developed and carbon emissions from our transport system are reduced
- Our roads and footpaths are safe and accessible for all
- Our town centres and major employment areas are accessible by multiple transport modes
- Innovation and disruptive technologies are embraced where they can provide safe, low-carbon alternatives to private vehicle use

Our natural environment is protected and enhanced

- Prepare communities for the impacts of climate change by building community resilience and reducing carbon emissions
- Our streams, waterways and harbours are protected, and their mauri is restored
- More trees and native plants are planted in the Whau, alongside strengthened advocacy to protect existing significant trees
- Our communities are supported to exercise the principle of kaitiakitanga in their local areas

Thriving town centres, a strong local economy and neighbourhoods that are supportive and connected

- Our town centres and neighbourhoods are clean, busy, safe, attractive, connected and meet the needs of local communities

- More local people are able to access employment, education and training opportunities in the Whau
- Our businesses are more sustainable
- Our built heritage is valued, and opportunities to restore and re-purpose heritage buildings are encouraged

Higher Priority

- Resident-led projects that help strengthen and connect neighbourhoods
- Activities that improve Māori and Pasifika outcomes

Lower Priorities

We will consider applications for other services, projects, events and activities outside the current priorities, however these will be considered a lower priority.

The Whau Local Board will consider the following activities as lower priorities:

- administration and salary costs
- events which charge an admission fee
- applicants that have already received one successful grant application within the current financial year
- where the applicant has a considerable cash surplus (relative to the amount applied for), unless they can verify that it is a tagged reserve and cannot be used as a contribution towards the submitted project
- applicants who have not considered other sources of funding for their project

Investment approach

The Whau 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: Generally, for grants \$2,000 to \$8,000

Match funding

The Whau Local Board will prioritise grants with a strong “match funding” approach i.e. where groups can demonstrate significant community contribution in time, cash and/or in kind services.

Application dates

Grant rounds for 2021/2022 will be as follows:

Quick Response

2021/2022 grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	14 June 2021	9 July 2021	25 August 2021	1 September 2021
Round two	20 September 2021	15 October 2021	24 November 2021	1 December 2021
Round three	18 April 2021	14 May 2021	22 June 2022	1 July 2022

Local Grants

2021/2022 grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	19 July 2021	27 August 2021	27 October 2021	1 November 2021
Round two	21 February 2022	2 April 2022	25 May 2022	1 June 2022

Multi-board funding

We will work with the neighbouring local boards to deliver multi-board funding. The applicant will need to clearly demonstrate how the proposal benefits people and communities in the Whau area.

2021/2022 Multi-board grant rounds	Opens	Closes	Decision made	Projects to occur after
Round one	14 June 2021	6 August 2021	27 October 2021	1 November 2021
Round two	14 February 2022	25 March 2022	25 May 2022	1 June 2022

Accountability measures

In addition to the measures in the community grants policy the Whau Local Board requests that all successful applicants as far as possible provide photographs of the activity funded.

Find out more: **phone 09 301 0101**
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