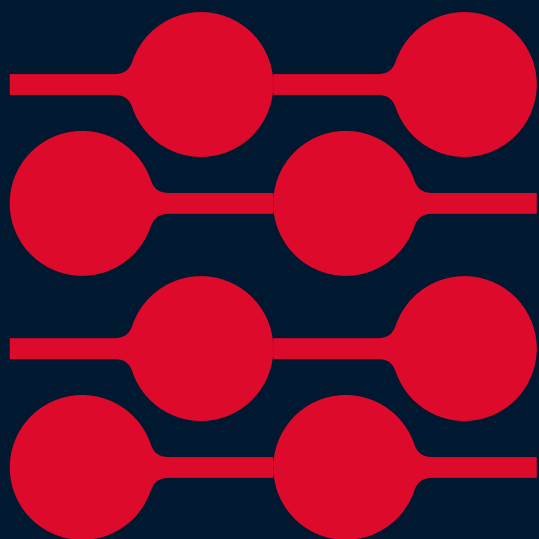


Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board



# Aotea/ Great Barrier Local Board Grants Programme 2023/2024



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# Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Grants Programme 2023/2024

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

Local Grants have an allocation limit of \$25,000 towards a single project.

Capital Grants have an allocation limit of \$50,000 towards a single project.

## Outcomes sought from the local grants programme

Applicants will need to read the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan before submitting an application. This can be viewed online at [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/localboardplans](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/localboardplans), picked up from the Auckland Council service centre, or ordered from the Aotea / Great Barrier Island service centre on 09 301 0101.

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the outcome “Our island is resilient“ from our 2020 local board plan. The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board welcomes grant applications that align with the following local board plan objectives:

2023/2024	Opens
Community / Event / Arts and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preservation of our island identity</li><li>• Our community groups are resilient</li><li>• Our local economy is strong, stable and sustainable</li><li>• We have sustainable tourism</li><li>• Our Dark Sky Sanctuary is protected and maintained</li><li>• Mana whenua will prosper</li></ul>
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our environment is protected and enhanced</li><li>• Our community is resilient to the impacts of climate change</li><li>• We have marine protection and conservation around our coastline</li><li>• Our Dark Sky Sanctuary is protected and maintained</li><li>• Mana whenua will prosper</li></ul>
Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have safe roads and walkways</li><li>• Smarter housing opportunities will be explored</li><li>• Our island infrastructure is future-proofed</li><li>• Mana whenua will prosper</li></ul>

## Higher Priority

- Our residents’ wellbeing is protected and enhanced
- Projects or activities which have zero-waste messages and practices.
- Applications improve community resilience to climate change impact.
- Activities that support mana whenua to prosper
- Members of the applicants’ community group have completed governance training

# Lower Priorities

We will also consider applications for other services, projects, events and activities which may be considered a lower priority on a case by case basis.

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board has identified the following activities as lower priorities:

- activities which are inconsistent with the direction signaled in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan.
- applications from groups not based on Aotea / Great Barrier unless the proposal has a significant and/or direct benefit to the island community.

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board will take into account if a group has a substantial cash current assets (relative to the amount applied for), unless the surplus has a specific purpose, which means it can't be used as a contribution to the project.

## Exclusion

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined the Community Grants Policy, the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board will not fund:

- Retrospective costs. It is important groups plan for funding needs wherever possible.
- GST will not be funded, if the community group or individual is GST registered.
- Insurance costs.

*Note: The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board may on a case by case basis, support community organisations providing primary health care or core educational services, where these services are delivered on the island by community organisations.*

# Application Dates

Table 1 – Local and Capital Grants

2023/2024	Opens	Closes	Decision Made	Project to Occur After
Capital and Local Grant Round one	14 August 2023	6 October 2023	28 November 2023	5 December 2023
Capital and Local Grant Round two	15 January 2024	08 March 2024	23 April 2024	1 May 2024

# Capital Grants Guidelines

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board recognises the vital role that local community facilities play in developing a strong, vibrant and engaged community and has established a capital grants fund to support capital projects associated with community facilities on Aotea / Great Barrier Island.

# Criteria for Aotea / Great Barrier Capital Grants

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board will allocate grants based on, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

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- Applications will only be accepted for projects which result in the creation or improvement of a capital asset at or associated with a community facility on Aotea / Great Barrier Island that is available for community use. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to the following:
  - Buildings, structures, plant, services, infrastructure or equipment
  - Upgrades or refurbishments to existing facilities
  - New or upgraded alternative power systems, low energy appliances and equipment, rainwater collection systems, provision of safe drinking water, upgrade of septic and sewage systems
- Applications must provide evidence that the facility for which a grant is sought is available for use by the community and a record of such use over the preceding 12 months unless the facility hasn't been operating during that period.
- Applicants must demonstrate alignment with the outcomes in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2020 and the amount granted may reflect the extent to which the project aligns with the local board plan.
- Applicants must hold (or be able to obtain) insurance for the asset being applied for.
- Where a building or resource consent is needed this must also be obtained prior to the grant being released although advance funding to enable this can be provided if specified in the application.
- Where paid project management assistance is required the amount of this must be included in the application.
- Applicants must contribute a percentage of the project cost in cash, labour or materials, with the percentage increasing as the cost of the project increases as follows:
  - Up to \$5000 = 5 percent
  - \$5001-\$10,000 = 7.5 percent
  - Over \$10,001 = 10 percent
- Grants of up to \$50,000 only may be approved for one project. More than one application per group can be made.
- Projects or activities which have zero-waste messages and practices will be given higher priority.
- There is a preference for two quotes, where practical

Note: Capital projects previously funded by the local board, must be completed, before a community group can apply for another grant, unless justification can be given as to why they are needing to complete another project.

## Accountability measures

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board encourages all successful applicants to report back to the local board in a meeting (once the accountability form has been completed). A local board representative will be allocated to liaise with the applicant and ensure the project has been completed, as per their application.

### Assessment and prioritisation

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board expects all groups applying for a grant to submit a copy of the most recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) financial statements and resolutions unless a good reason for not supplying these is provided.

The local board also expects the group's grant applicant(s) to be available to attend the business meeting where the application is being considered to speak in a public forum when it is requested.

