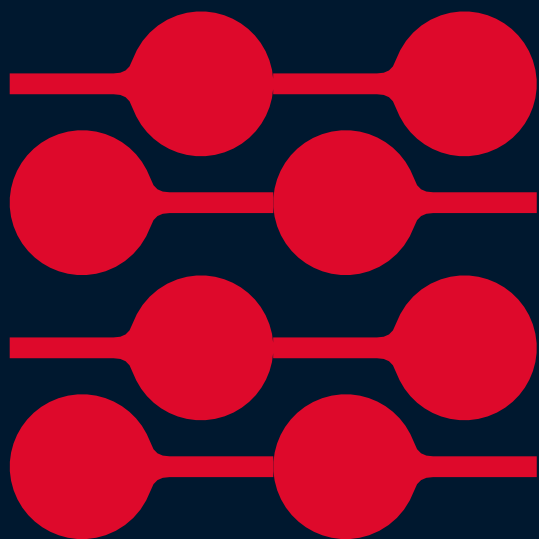


Whau Local Board



**Whau Local
Board
Grants
Programme
2023/2024**



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Whau Local Board Grants Programme 2023/2024

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 whanau 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 strengthen and connect neighbourhoods and town centres
- Activities that improve Māori and Pasifika outcomes
- New initiatives that support climate resilience in communities

Lower Priorities

Applications for services, projects, and events outside the current priorities will still be considered for funding unless specifically mentioned as being ineligible in the Auckland Council Community Grants Policy or listed as an exclusion. However, they will generally be considered as lower priorities:

- Operational costs including wages, salaries, utilities, and rent, with the exception of fees for specialised services
- Groups and/or activities taking place outside the local board area, unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate the benefit to local board community members
- Events which charge an admission fee
- 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
- Applicants who have received any alternative local board funding during the current financial year

Exclusions

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined in Auckland Council's overarching Community Grants Policy, the Whau Local Board will not fund:

- Applicants are excluded when they have received two successful Whau grants within the current financial year
- Groups requesting funding below the minimum or above the maximum amounts detailed under the Investment Approach section

Applicants with no formal legal structure

Applicants with no formal legal structure may apply for grants of up to \$1,000 through the local board grants programme; however, the board expects to see evidence from the group indicating community support for the activity and its objectives

Investment approach

The Whau Local Board has allocated budgets to support the grants programme as follows. Please ensure requests are within the following amounts to remain eligible:

- Quick Response Grants: \$500 to \$2,000
- Local Grants and Multi-Board Grants: \$2,000 to \$5,000

Application Dates

Table1- Quick Response

2023/2024	Opens	Closes	Decision Made	Project to Occur After
Round one	14 August 2023	15 September 2023	25 October 2023	1 November 2023

Table2 - Local Grants

2023/2024	Opens	Closes	Decision Made	Project to Occur After
Round one	21 August 2023	6 October 2023	29 November 2023	1 December 2023
Round two	12 February 2024	29 March 2024	22 May 2024	1 June 2024

Table3 - Multi-board funding

We will work with the neighboring 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.

2023/2024	Opens	Closes	Decision Made	Project to Occur After
Round one	3 July 2023	1 September 2023	29 November 2023	1 December 2023
Round two	15 January 2024	15 March 2024	22 May 2024	1 June 2024

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

