



**Albert-Eden
Local Board
Grants
Programme
2023/2024**



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The Albert-Eden Grants Programme provides contestable community grants to local communities and organisations.

Outcomes sought from our community grants programme

Our grants programme will be targeted towards supporting the following outcomes, as outlined in our local board plan:

- Resilient, connected and empowered communities who value diversity
- Neighbourhoods that reflect and value our heritage and unique identity now and into the future
- High-quality natural environments and sustainable lifestyles
- A strong local economy with thriving town centres
- Parks and community facilities meet a wide range of needs
- Safe, easy and sustainable options for moving around

Our priorities for community grants

We welcome grant applications that align with the following priorities:

These priorities align with our local board plan, to read more about our vision for the Albert-Eden area view our [local board plan](#) available on the Auckland Council website.

- People are resilient and can adapt to change.
- People are included, interconnected and celebrate our diversity.
- Māori cultural heritage is valued and protected.
- Neighbourhoods have a strong sense of identity and create a connection to place.
- Our environment is protected and restored
- Our community has sustainable lifestyles and takes climate action.
- Our local economy is growing and provides stable employment options.
- Town centres are attractive destinations.
- Our people can live healthy active lifestyles.
- Our parks and open space meet the needs of growing populations and diverse communities.
- Our community services and buildings provide diverse and inclusive spaces that meet the changing needs of our community.
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Higher priority

- Projects and activities that support mental health, physical health and wellbeing and promote smoke-free programmes.
- Projects and activities that promote sustainability, zero-waste and low carbon messages.
- Match funding

- We will also consider applications for match funding. Match funding is where grants are provided in exchange for the community's 'match' in volunteer labour, cash or donated goods and services up to the value of 50%. Applications will be prioritised and assessed under the same priorities as other grants.
- Applicants who have considered other sources of funding for their project.
- Projects that are inclusive and support under-represented members of the community.
- Projects/activities with Māori outcomes.

Lower priorities

We will also consider applications for other services, projects and initiatives; however, they may be considered a lower priority. We have identified the following activities as lower priorities:

- commercial entities and promotion of commercial entities
- ticketed events
- activities that primarily benefit communities outside the Albert-Eden 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 or operational costs
- projects and activities in schools unless one of the following can be demonstrated:
 - ❖ benefit to the wider community; or
 - ❖ accessibility to the public out of school hours; or
 - ❖ a plan on how the project will be open to the wider community; or
 - ❖ environmental or climate change initiatives
- catering
- fundraising activities for a group or organisation
- gifts /prizes
- grants to support the purchase of assets and/or equipment with limited future use
- initiatives that are eligible and can be funded by the central government
- activities that promote religious ministry or political purposes/cause/objectives
- travel and accommodation unless there is strong evidence of benefit to the community

Exclusions

In addition to the eligibility criteria outlined in the [Community grants policy](#), we will not fund:

- applications towards alcohol or liquor licences.
- groups that have failed to meet accountability obligations from previous council grants, will not be funded except in exceptional circumstances
- applicants are ineligible to apply for the Albert-Eden Local Board contestable grants if they have had one successful grant application within the current financial year (excluding the Accommodation Support Fund).
- groups requesting funding that is not within the minimum and maximum amount set.
- Grants for the sole purpose of an individual

Please refer to the [Community grants policy](#): “Scope and eligibility” for general eligibility criteria:

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

Grant schemes and funding thresholds

For 2022/2023, we will operate three contestable grants schemes to support the community grants programme:

- Quick response grants – for smaller grant applications
- Local grants – for larger grant applications
- Accommodation support – for supporting community groups with their rates, lease payments and venue hire costs from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Multi-board funding

We will consider multi-board funding applications on a case-by-case basis. The applicant will need to clearly demonstrate how the proposal benefits people and communities in the Albert-Eden area.

Discretionary funding

In addition to our contestable grants schemes, we also provide discretionary grants toward strategic projects, initiatives or events that align with the priorities of our local grants programme. These grants are allocated through the local board's work programmes and administered by the relevant departments.

Please contact the local board directly if you have any questions regarding discretionary funding.

For more information and criteria about the quick response, local grants and match funding schemes, please refer to page 34 of the [Community grants policy](#).

Neighbours Day 2024

Applications is expected to open in December 2023, for events around Neighbours Day Aotearoa in March 2024.

Please contact the Albert-Eden Local Board office at 135 Dominion Road or phone (09) 623 6090 for further information.

Grant thresholds

| Grants scheme | Minimum amount per application | Maximum amount per application |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Quick response | \$500 | \$3,000 |
| Local grants | \$3,000 | \$8,000 |
| Neighbours Day | \$100 | \$200 |
| Accommodation support | \$2,500 | \$20,000 |

Grant rounds

The following tables outline when funding rounds for our grants schemes throughout 2023/ 2024:

| Quick response grants | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Grant round | Opens | Closes | Decision made | Projects to occur after |
| Round one | 18 September 2023 | 13 October 2023 | 23 November 2023 | 1 December 2023 |
| Round two | 11 March 2024 | 5 April 2024 | 23 May 2024 | 1 June 2024 |

| Local grants | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Grant round | Opens | Closes | Decision made | Projects to occur after |
| Round one | 31 July 2023 | 8 September 2023 | 26 October 2023 | 1 November 2023 |
| Round two | 29 January 2024 | 8 March 2024 | April 2024 | 1 May 2024 |

| Multi-board grant rounds | Opens | Closes | Decision made | Projects to occur after |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Round one | 3 July 2023 | 1 September 2023 | 26 October 2023 | 1 November 2023 |
| Round two | 15 January 2024 | 15 March 2024 | April 2024 | 1 May 2024 |

| Accommodation grant: for accommodation costs from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Grant round | Opens | Closes | Decision made | |
| Round one | 22 January 2024 | 22 March 2024 | 23 May 2024 | |

Accountability measures

We request that all successful grants applicants and recipients of both contestable and discretionary grants provide the following:

- photos of the activity are to be provided to the local board
- invitation to the activity to be extended to the local board

- speaking opportunity for local board delegate at any event, function, project launch
- inclusion of local board logo on advertising and display of local board branding at events
- reference to local board funding in any media releases or other communication to the public.

Other community grant programme provisions

Accommodation support fund criteria

Community groups and organisations applying for our Accommodation Support fund need to consider the following criteria:

- applicants need to be a community organisation, as outlined in the Community Grants Policy
- accommodation costs applied for are for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025
- evidence of the accommodation costs is provided
- the organisation is not the leaseholder of an Auckland Council community lease or community occupancy agreement
- if the applicant is requesting a grant for a venue that has an Auckland Council community lease or community occupancy agreement, the council's approval for the sub-lease or hireage needs to be verified by the applicant
- the application cannot be for hireage costs of a council managed venue or externally managed council facility
- the organisation is located in the local board area and primarily benefits the residents of the Albert-Eden local board area
- the organisation has been operating for a full financial year prior to the application date
- the organisation has provided its last full-year financial statements and/or audited accounts
- the application is not for religious ministry activities
- the organisation is not a political party, or the grant requested is not for the purposes of a political party.

