

Purpose / Kaupapa

Partnership Agreements provide support and/or financial assistance to the Rotorua community sector whose services significantly contribute to RLC's Priority Outcomes. Partnership agreement recipients will have a track record of making a difference, aim to improve equitable outcomes, focus on community wellbeing and support community led action. These high trust agreements support core organisation functions and key outcomes.

We are seeking to partner with organisations/groups that:

- Are clearly making a significant positive difference in the community
- Use collaborative approaches
- Are well managed/governed
- Are actively working with community
- Are growing social capital

Objectives / Ngā Whāinga

- Supporting community organisations' activities and services which contribute towards one or more of RLC's Priority Outcomes
- Improving equitable outcomes for those living in the Rotorua District
- Strengthening the ability of local community groups to respond effectively to local needs
- Building and strengthening the capability and capacity of the community sector
- Building social capital
- Improving community safety
- Building participation and a sense of belonging
- Increasing community access to opportunities and resources
- Supporting community led action

Who Can Apply/ Ngā Kaupapa ka Tautokona?

Established Rotorua based, non-for-profit, community sector groups and organisations.

How long is the funding for and how big is the fund / Ka hia te roa o te wā taunakiti ait e pūtea nei, he pēhea hoki te rahi o te pūtea whānui?

Partnership Agreements are for a three year period, 2024-2027. Agreements may include financial grants as well as other forms of support. The maximum you can apply for is \$40k.

The total amount of community funding available is set through the adoption of Council's Long Term Plan and is reviewed every three years. The dollar value of each Partnership Agreement will be determined by Council Committee, subject to the funds available and content of applications by July 2024.

How can I use the funds?

Partnership Agreements provide flexibility of use, three years of financial certainty and practical accountability. Agreements will support core organisation functions and key outcomes.

What We Don't Fund / Ngā Kaupapa e kore e tautoko?

- Applications from organisations applying for funds for which there is another specific funding pathway (e.g. Bay of Plenty Regional Council has an Environmental Enhancement Fund targeted at environmental wellbeing)
- Rotorua District Ratepayers Associations and political groups
- Activities for which the main purpose is to promote the religious, ethical, commercial or political views of the organisation
- Retrospective funding
- Previous grant applicants who failed to fulfil the obligations and terms of a previous grant agreement will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Statutory functions, activities and services (e.g. education, policing, health care)
- Commercial or private organisations whose purpose is profit generation.
- Building consents, resource consents or development contributions
- Purchase of vehicles
- Travel and accommodation costs outside of the Rotorua District
- Purchase of alcohol
- Any costs associated with fundraising

Accountability/ Ngā Here o te Kirimana Haere Kōtuitui

- Applicants must provide their most recent strategic plan, annual report and audited/ approved accounts as part of the application.
- Annual accountability for partnership agreements includes meeting with Council officers, annual report, approved accounts and annual plan each year to indicate the organisation's use of funding towards achieving outcomes
- Recognise Council's support in all publicity material, annual reports and similar publications.
- Agreement holders will be expected to attend a "Sharing and Learning" hui each year aimed at networking and sharing findings i.e. what's working and lessons learned.
- A failure to report back may result in future funding allocation being declined.

Applications/Pukatono

Applications for Partnership Agreements are open once every three years, 2024-2027:

Applications Open: 15th May, 2024

Applications Close: 5pm, 17th June, 2024

Decisions on applications will be advised by end July 31st 2024.

Partnership Agreements funding allocation panels will be appointed by Her Worship the Mayor and consist of:

- 2 x RLC Councillors
- 1 x Te Tatau O Te Arawa/Te Arawa Representative
- 1 x Rural/Lakes Community Board Representative

DEFINITIONS/ NGĀ TIKINGA O NGĀ KUPU

TERM	DEFINITION
Community Sector	Not for profit, charitable and voluntary organisations established with the primary purpose of providing a benefit to the wider community; do not seek to generate profit or financial surpluses for commercial interests. This includes sport and recreation, social, kaupapa Māori, arts and culture groups and organisations.
Grant	A financial contribution to a group, organisation or sector of the community.
Social Capital	The value of social networks. The concept of social capital is used to group together the benefits of community connections, the threads that weave society together. Social connections are fostered through a range of organisations and activities, such as participation within iwi, social services, service groups, organised sport and recreational groups, arts and cultural organisations. These connections or social relations have productive benefits.
Neighbourhood	The immediate environment or surroundings; the people of a particular area.
Communities	May have a geographic base, or be based on a common interest e.g. racial or ethnic group, people with disabilities, migrants.
Fiscal Sponsor	Groups that are not legal entities may appoint a fiscal sponsor/umbrella organisation. This sponsor/umbrella must be an established not-for-profit entity which agrees in writing to receive and manage the grant on behalf of the group.
Rotorua District	Within the territorial authority area boundaries
Statutory functions	A function conferred or imposed by a statutory instrument and delivered in part through government funding which is provided to the organisation for the purpose of delivering the service.
Accountability Report	All grant recipients are required to complete an accountability report, provided by RLC. The Accountability Report outlines how a grant is spent and provide detail on the outcomes and achievements of the funding.
Long Term Plan (LTP)	The LTP establishes Council's vision, community outcomes, and priorities. It sets the budget and workplan for the next 10 years and is reviewed every three years.
Wellbeing	As outlined in the Local Government Act 2002, the purpose of Local Government is to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

OUR VISION FOR ROTORUA

A Better Rotorua for All

We have a vision for a better Rotorua for all. What we deliver as a Council in the next 10 years to help us achieve that will focus on **9 key outcomes**:

KUA TŪHONOTIA, KUA PAKARI HOKI / CONNECTED AND RESILIENT

Kua tūhonohono te hapori, ā, kua rite ki ngā putanga nui o te huringa āhuarangi me ngā aituā māori, mā te pakari o ngā mahi tūānuku ka eke ka ora.

Our communities are cohesive and prepared for the effects of climate change, natural hazards and we invest in safe and reliable infrastructure.

NGĀ TAKE MAHI ME TE TAIŌHANGA / EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

Ka whakakahangia ngā pakihī kia tupu tūturu ai. Mā te nui a ngā whaiwāhitanga haumi ka eke ka roto ora. Ka kite i te putaputa mai o ngā whiwhinga mahi e wātea ana ki te tangata.

We enable businesses to grow with confidence through increasing investment opportunities. There are employment options across a range of sectors.

NGĀ MAHI TŪRUHI / TOURISM

He wāhi pakari tēnei e hiahiatia ana e te ao te tae atu, he pokapū whakarawerawe, kua rongonui tōna ingoa.

We are a world class destination, with a vibrant inner city and a positive reputation.

NGĀ TAKE WHARE / HOUSING

E wātea ana ki te kainoho o te tāone he whare tuawhiti e taea ai e rātau te noho haumarū, te noho marutau e pai ai tana oranga.

All residents have access to a range of housing options that ensures they can live in quality homes that are safe and healthy.

NGĀ MAHI A TE RĒHIA / ACTIVE

Kua tūhera katoa ngā rotomoana, ngā ngahere, me ngā papa wātea, ā, ko te kōunga o ngā whare rēhia, ka toro atu ngā ringa ki te tangata, māna tōna oranga e whakahī, e whakahā ia te rā.

The accessibility of our lakes, forests, open space networks and the quality of our facilities create opportunities for everyone to be active throughout their lives.

TE TAIĀO / ENVIRONMENT – MAURI TAIĀO

He arotahinga ki te whakapaipai, ki te tiaki hoki i ngā roto moana, i ngā arawai, me ngā ngāherehere.

We are committed to protecting and improving our lakes, waterways and forest environments.

HAUMARUTANGA / SAFETY

Kua korowaihia ā tātau hapori, ngā pakihi, me ngā manuhiri ki te korowai o marutau huri āwhio i te takiwā.

Our communities, businesses and visitors feel safe across our district.

NGĀ WAWATA O TE TANGATA WHENUA / MANA WHENUA ASPIRATIONS

E kitea ana, e taunakitia ana e mātau ko wā te tangata whenua e manakotia ana. Ka noho mātau hai hoa haere ki te whakatupu rau ōhanga, ki te whakapuare kūaha pāpori hoki rā hei painga mō te katoa.

We recognise and support the aspirations of Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua and partner to grow economic and social opportunities and benefits for everyone.

NGĀ MAHI TOI, AHUREA HOKI / ARTS AND CULTURE

Ko te ahurea tuakiri o Rotorua, he motuhake, koia hoki te papa whakapoapoa i te tangata kia tae atu ki ngā manomano pātanga. Ka oreore te takiwā, ka kōkiritia ngā kaupapa ōhanga me ngā hua ki te hapori i roto tonu i ngā taupuni me te rohe whānui

Our district's unique cultural identity is the foundation for attracting and delivering a diverse range of events, increasing vibrancy and activity and driving economic and community benefits within our facilities and for our district.

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