

ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
NGĀ ARATOHU O TE KIRIMANA HAERE KŌTUI A TE KAUNIHERA
Ā-ROHE O ROTORUA:

The area served by this policy is that of the Rotorua District. The focus of Partnership Agreements is to provide community assistance for the 'not for profit' sector in order to create a strong social base, reduce inequity, meet local needs and make a difference in the community. These high-trust agreements are developed with established community organisations demonstrating good governance which are recognised as significantly contributing to Rotorua 2030 goals. Partnership agreements provide flexibility of use, three years of financial certainty and practical accountability. Agreements will support core organisation functions and key outcomes. This will be reflected in simplified reporting met by standard organisation documents. Agreements may include financial grants as well as other forms of support.

The dollar value of each grant will be determined by Council committee, subject to the funds available and content of applications. Partnership Agreements are for the three-year period 2018–2021.

Objectives/Ngā Whāinga

- Supporting community organisations' activities and services which contribute towards the achievement of 2030 goals
- Focussing on investment which improves equitable outcomes for our community
- Strengthening the ability of local community groups to respond effectively to local needs
- Building and strengthening the capacity of community groups and organisations to move to financial sustainability
- Building participation and a sense of belonging
- Increasing community access to opportunities and resources
- Complementing funding from other sources

Priorities/Ngā Kaupapa Matua

Applicants need to show how their community-based services and initiatives will contribute to:

1. Making a difference alongside the community
 - Improving equitable social, economic and/or cultural outcomes
2. Contributing to one or more of the ***Rotorua 2030 goals***:
 - A resilient community ... He hāpori pumanawa. Inclusive, liveable and safe neighbourhoods give us a sense of place; and confidence to be involved and connected.
 - Homes that match needs ... Kāinga noho kainga haumarū. Quality, affordable homes are safe and warm, and available to meet everyone's needs

- Outstanding places to play ... Papa whakatipu. Recreation opportunities are part of our lifestyle; connecting us, transporting us and surrounding us.
- Vibrant city heart ... Waahi pumanawa. Our inviting and thriving inner city reflects our unique heritage and lakeside location
- Business innovation and prosperity ... Whakawhanake pākihi. We boast a diverse and sustainable economy energised by our natural resources and innovative people
- Employment choices ... He huarahi hōu. We are a prosperous connected community; growing our education, training and employment opportunities.
- Enhanced environment ... Tiakana to taiao. We are known globally for our clean, natural environment, air quality and healthy lakes

What Does Equity Mean? He Aha te Tikanga o te Mana Taurite?

The World Health Organisation defines equity as “the absence of avoidable or remediable differences among groups of people, whether those groups are defined socially, economically, demographically, or geographically.”¹

People who may experience inequity could include:

- Children/ tamariki, rangatahi/ young people
- Māori
- Whanau/families
- People with disabilities
- People who are vulnerable
- People experiencing poverty
- Ethnic minority groups
- People experiencing isolation
- Elderly

Eligibility – Who can apply/ Māraurau - Ko wai e tika ana ki te tono?

We are looking for community organisations, working collaboratively to deliver innovative services within the Rotorua district, providing greater impact and improving equity in our communities.

- Not-for-profit community groups and organisations
- Only organisations active in the Rotorua district and activities specific to the benefit of Rotorua district communities will be eligible
- Organisations must demonstrate registered charitable status
- Applicants must outline their contribution towards the Rotorua 2030 goals and how they aim to improve equity.
- Applicants must provide their most recent strategic plan, annual plan, annual report and audited accounts as part of the application
- Any group benefiting from a Council lease subsidy, Rates Relief or any other form of support must identify this when applying for Council funding

¹ <http://www.who.int/healthsystems/topics/equity/en/>

Exclusions - Who can't apply? / Te Hunga Rāwaho - Ko wai kāore e tika ana ki te tono?

- Funding applications from organisations for which there are clear alternative funding opportunities available will not be eligible, (e.g. Bay of Plenty Regional Council has an Environmental Enhancement Fund targeted at environmental wellbeing)
- Community organisations that provide a service to 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 recipients 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.

Accountability/ Kawenga takohanga - Ngā Here o te Kirimana Haere Kōtuitui

- All funds must be spent in support of the organisation implementing its strategic and annual plans and within the timeframe stated in the funding agreement unless changes are agreed with RLC
- Accountability for partnership grants is met by provision of the organisation's annual report, approved accounts and annual plan each year, as well as meeting the Council manager overseeing the agreement at least annually. These standard documents will indicate the organisation's use of funding towards achieving outcomes
- All organisations in receipt of funding must acknowledge Council support in their promotional materials and other communications
- Any organisation that fails to submit acceptable accountability reports or has not spent funds in accordance with their agreement may be asked to return all or part of the funding received and may no longer be eligible to receive funding in the future
- 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.

Applications/Pukatono

Applications for Partnership Agreements are open once every three years, 2018-2021:

Applications Open: 27th March, 2018

Applications Close: 31st May, 2018

For more information or application forms contact:

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<http://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-city/community-development/grantsandfunding>

A full copy of the Rotorua Lakes Council's Community Funding Investment Policy is available on the RLC website; www.rotorualakescouncil.nz