

Community Funding Impact Report 2025-26

Council Meeting 24 June 2026



Summary

- \$357,435 invested across three programmes in 2025/26; the Community Matching Fund, Partnership Agreements, and the Creative Communities Scheme
- 68 community projects and organisations supported
- All funds saw high demand with over \$2.4m requested
- RLC's community funding is designed so that every Council dollar acts as a catalyst, enabling the community sector to co-invest and contribute directly to Council priorities.
- Enhanced reporting measures have been put in place for 2026/27 - Partner capability and impact

Community Matching Fund

\$105,000

In awarded RLC funding

\$322,364

In community contributions in
time, material and services

17

Projects

499

Volunteers

15,847

Volunteer hours

217%

Return on investment

+29%

In community contributions YOY



Partnership Agreements

\$195,000

In awarded annual RLC funding

\$7m

In leveraged
complimenting funding

20

Partners

746

Volunteers

63,772

Participant interactions

\$1m

In partner funding
requested from RLC

19%

In funding request
value awarded



Creative Communities Scheme

\$62,435

In awarded Creative NZ funding

\$676,562

In requested funding

61

Applications

31

Approved projects

94,000

Estimated reach

Key Theme of Applications

57%

Access & Participation

24%

Young People

19%

Diversity

