

2021-2024 Rotorua Lakes Council Community Grants Guidelines/

HE PŪTEA ÄWHINA-Ä-ROHE

Purpose / Kaupapa of the Community Grants

The focus of the Community Grants is to provide assistance for the 'not for profit' sector to strengthen the community sector and meet local needs. Community grants range between \$1000 to \$5000 per annum for a three year period, can be used for a wide range of purposes and require simple accountability reporting for small to medium sized community organisations. Applications for Community grants are available once every three years.

Objectives/ Ngā Whāinga of the Community Grants

- Supporting community organisations' activities and services which contribute towards one or more of the Rotorua 2030 goals
- Improving equitable outcomes for those within the Rotorua District
- 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
- Increasing Community Safety
- Building participation and a sense of belonging
- Increasing community access to opportunities and resources
- Complementing funding from other sources

Rotorua 2030 Goals:

- A resilient community ... He hāpori pumanawa..
- Homes that match needs ... Kāinga noho kainga haumarū.
- Outstanding places to play ... Papa whakatipu.
- Vibrant city heart ... Waahi pumanawa.
- Business innovation and prosperity ... Whakawhanake pākihi.
- Employment choices ... He huarahi hōu.
- Enhanced environment ... Tiakana to taiao.

More information on the Rotorua 2030 Goals can be found at:

<https://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/Rotorua2030/goals/Pages/default.aspx>

Outcomes/Putanga expected from receiving a Community Grant

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

- Improving equitable outcomes and social, economic, environmental and/or cultural wellbeing
- Strengthening social capital and community resilience
- Making a positive difference alongside the community

Definitions

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 enabling and supporting whānau and hapū to realise their own aspirations contributing to the community as a whole, participation within social services, service groups, organised sport and recreational groups, arts and cultural organisations. These connections or social relations have productive benefits.

Community resilience – the Communities ability to spring back, withstand or recover from change, shock or difficulties.

Social, economic, environmental, cultural wellbeing - The four wellbeings; social, economic, environmental and cultural, were reintroduced to the purpose of local government in April 2019. The goal is the achievement of an improved quality of life and higher living standards for all New Zealanders in a way that takes local needs and conditions into account. Indicators of the four wellbeings include, but are not limited to, health, housing, education, transport, employment and income, safety, environmental quality, cultural identity, social connectedness and community participation.

Equity – making a difference to those who need it most. People who may experience inequity could include:

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

Retrospective funding – funding for activities, materials, events, staffing etc that have already taken place. Past activities.

How long is the funding for and how much can I apply for/ Ka hia te roa o te wā e taunakitia ai te pūtea nei, he pēhea hoki te rahi o te pūtea whānui?

Community Grants are for a three year period, 2021 to 2024. The dollar value of each grant will be determined on a case-by-case basis, subject to the content of applications, the total funds available and alignment with the fund's priorities. Community grants range between \$1000 to \$5000 per annum.

How can I use the funds?

Grants can be used for the purpose of (but is not limited to):

- the running or operational costs of organisations that provide community services related to the four wellbeings
- community development costs, such as hui, training, planning, evaluation and facilitator fees
- community projects or event costs that:
 - encourage participation in communities
 - promote community leadership
 - promote social, economic and cultural equity

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

We are looking for small to medium sized not-for-profit community organisations, working collaboratively to deliver innovative services within the Rotorua district, providing greater impact and improving equity in our communities.

- Only organisations active in the Rotorua district and activities specific to the benefit of the Rotorua district communities will be eligible
- Organisations must demonstrate registered charitable status
- Organisations must identify any other form of support they are receiving from Rotorua Lakes Council, including subsidised rent, rates remissions.
- Applicants must outline their contribution towards the Rotorua 2030 goals and how they aim to improve equity

Exclusions / Te Hunga Rāwaho

- 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

- All funds must be spent on the purpose for which the application was made and within the timeframe stated in the funding agreement unless changes are agreed with the Fund Administrator.
- Those receiving funding will be required to meet agreed annual accountability requirements which detail their use of the funding and outcomes achieved
- 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 to 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.

Applications/Pukatono

Applications for Community Grants are open once every three years, 2021-2024.

Applications Open: 10th May 2021

Applications Close: 5pm, Monday 7th June 2021

An assessment panel made up of elected members will meet to consider the written applications and then recommend the results for Council Committee approval. Decisions on applications will be advised by the end of August.

For more information or application forms contact:

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

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