

2021-2024 Rotorua Lakes Council Partnership Agreement Guidelines

ARATOHU KIRIMANA HAERE KŌTUI

Purpose / Kaupapa of a Partnership Agreement

Partnership Agreements provide support and/or financial assistance to local community sector organisations that align with Council's goals and [vision](#) and contribute to community wellbeing. 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 of a Partnership Agreement

- Supporting community organisations' activities and services which contribute towards one or more of the **Rotorua 2030 goals**
- 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 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.

For more information on the Rotorua 2030 goals please go to www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/Rotorua2030/goals

Outcomes/ Putanga expected from a Partnership Agreement

- Improving equitable outcomes and social, economic, environmental and/or cultural wellbeing
- Increased community resilience and social capital
- 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.

Who can apply/ Ngā Kaupapa ka Tautokona?

If you are an established Rotorua based non-for-profit community organisation which aligns with Council's 2030 goals, can show that you're making a significant impact, working in collaboration and improving equitable outcomes for vulnerable communities, you are welcome to apply.

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

Partnership agreements are for a three year period, 2021 to 2024. Agreements may include financial grants as well as other forms of support.

The dollar value of each financial grant will be determined by Council Committee, subject to the funds available and content of applications by July 2021. Previously the total funds available for Partnership Agreements was \$210,000 per annum, distributed to 11 organisations.

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?

- 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/ Ngā Here o te Kirimana Haere Kōtui

- Applicants must provide their most recent strategic plan, annual 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.

Applications/Pukatono

Applications for Partnership Agreements are open once every three years. The next funding period is for 2021-2024.

Applications Open: 10 May 2021

Applications Close: 5pm, Monday 14 June 2021

The assessment panel, made up of elected members, will consider the written applications and then recommend the results for Council Committee approval. Decisions on applications will be advised by approximately end July 2021.

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