

Community Grant awarding criteria - 2026

Assessment Criteria: (score each 1-5)

1. **Community Reach & Benefit**
Consider how many people benefit from the project and whether it serves a broad cross-section of the community. Does it extend beyond the organisation's membership?
Does it benefit multiple demographics?
2. **Urgency/Essential vs Enhancement**
Assess whether the project is essential (e.g. safety, structural repair, regulatory requirements, preventing loss facility) or whether it is an enhancement or improvement. Essential works may score higher.
3. **Long-Term Benefit / Sustainability**
Consider whether the project provides lasting value. Is it a durable asset? Will it benefit the community for many years?
4. **Financial Need & Match Funding**
Assess the organisation's financial position and the level of match funding secured. Is Council funding critical to the project proceeding?
5. **Strategic Alignment**
Consider how well the project aligns with Council priorities such as youth provision, community well-being, cultural enrichment or preservation of facilities.