

Auckland Together Fund

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AUCKLAND TOGETHER FUND APPLICATION GUIDANCE NOTES

ABOUT THE AUCKLAND TOGETHER FUND

Auckland Foundation established the Auckland Together Fund in response to the devastating weather events that took place in January and February 2023.

Funds have been donated for the specific purpose of assisting communities in the Greater Auckland region impacted by the January/February weather events and this funding round supports the distribution of those funds. Funds will be distributed to not-for-profit organisations working with and supporting local communities with recovery and resilience activity across the Greater Auckland region. While the immediate weather activity has passed, many communities are still requiring essential services and support as a result of these floods and cyclone and this funding round will provide support for those communities.

August 2023 Funding Round

Applications will be open for the August 2023 Auckland Together Fund funding round from 9am, 24 July until 5pm, 11 August. Requests can be made for grants of \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Eligible Organisations

These funding grants will be made to the following not-for-profit organisations where charitable purpose can be clearly demonstrated and support activity is taking place within the Auckland region as governed by the Auckland Council:

- Registered charities
- Incorporated societies
- Community groups or collaborative groups umbrellaed by a registered charity

Exclusions

- Individuals/single households
- For-profit organisations or businesses
- Projects or services unrelated to the specific purposes set out below
- Applications lacking a clear plan or desired outcomes, including evaluation mechanisms
- Loans/endowment funds
- Debt servicing or repayment
- Legal expenses
- Activities that promote political purposes
- Travel and accommodation outside Auckland

FUNDING PURPOSES

This funding round is specifically for not-for-profit organisations to provide the following support activities within the greater Auckland region:

- Food, hygiene, clothing and other essential items to Auckland communities, whānau and individuals in need as a result of the January/February 2023 weather events.
- Wrap around social support services to those affected by these 2023 weather events.
- Outreach care for those experiencing homelessness as a result of these 2023 weather events.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND ASSESSMENT

2023 Funding Round Key Dates	
24 July 2023	Applications open at 9am
11 August 2023	Applications close at 5pm
Mid-August 2023	Review and decision making
Late-August 2023	All applicants notified of decisions
Late-August 2023	Grants paid to successful applicants (subject to signed grant agreement)

Application Process

- Applications must be received using the online application form on Auckland Foundation's website. You can save your progress at any time, if you are accessing the application from the same computer or device.
- Any applications received after the closing date will not be eligible for consideration, so make sure you send your application in plenty of time in case we have any questions.
- Once you have submitted your application online, you will receive an acknowledgement email from Auckland Foundation. If you haven't received this email within 48 hours, please contact us.
- Once we have received all applications, we carefully conduct due diligence and ensure that each application is thoroughly reviewed in consultation with this funding round's review panel.
- Applicants notified of decisions.
- Successful applicant grant payments will be disbursed on signing of grant agreement.
- A written accountability report is due within 6 months of grant disbursement.

Your application should clearly demonstrate:

- The need for your support project or programme, and who will benefit;
- How your support project or programme fits in with the specific purposes of this funding round;
- What your project is trying to achieve for the Auckland participants/your Auckland community – and how you will measure your achievements.

If you're not sure, it's always helpful to have someone else read your application for feedback.

Make sure you submit all the requested information with your application, as any applications with missing information at the closing date will not be eligible for consideration. As well as any budgets, job descriptions, letters of support etc. that relate to the grant request, you will need to attach:

- PDF copy of your most recent financial statements
- PDF copy of your organisation's bank deposit slip

GST

No GST is payable on grants received from this funding round.

If your organisation is GST registered, the grant will not cover the GST component of the purchase of goods or services.

Please make sure you remove any GST (where applicable) when making your grant request, including from any budget you attach to your application.

Re-application

Grants from this funding round will be made as a single grant payment. Recipients may apply to future funding rounds provided they are eligible.

Accountability

A written accountability report will be due no later than 6 months from payment of grants. A copy of the accountability report is available on Auckland Foundation's website for your reference.

Roundtable Reporting

An optional roundtable reporting opportunity will be available for all recipients.

Participating in roundtable reporting will allow recipients to share their story in person. This style of reporting will help:

- Knowledge Sharing and Learning: Support sector-wide learning by sharing project progress, challenges, and lessons learned.
- Improving the Granting Process: Enhance the grant process through open discussions, suggestions, and feedback from participants.
- Celebrate success: Share successful project strategies to inspire and motivate other organisations in our community.
- Foster relationship building: Connect with fellow grant recipients to promote collaboration and exchange ideas for potential future partnerships.
- Relationship Building and Collaboration: Deepen relationships, foster partnerships, and promote collaboration among participants.

ENQUIRIES

If you are unsure of your eligibility or have any questions about this funding round, please contact Auckland Foundation: info@aucklandfoundation.org.nz