

TE WAIPUNA PUAWAI

Community Action Grants 2026

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Growing Rangatahi Voices. Strengthening Communities. Reducing Alcohol Harm.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

Te Waipuna Puawai (TWP) is pleased to invite local organisations and community groups to apply for funding through the TWP Community Action Grants.

Funded through Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora's Alcohol Harm Prevention Community Action Fund, this initiative supports locally led community activations that empower rangatahi, strengthen community wellbeing, and contribute to reducing alcohol-related harm.

At Te Waipuna Puawai, we believe the best solutions come from within our communities. By investing in local knowledge, creativity and leadership, we can create safer, healthier and more connected communities where rangatahi have opportunities to thrive and positively influence those around them.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The TWP Community Action Grants are designed to support innovative community activations that:

- Reduce alcohol-related harm through prevention, education and positive alternatives.
- Amplify rangatahi voices within their communities.
- Strengthen youth leadership and participation.
- Build healthy, alcohol-free environments.
- Encourage community-led solutions that respond to local needs.
- Promote whānau wellbeing and stronger community connections.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications are welcomed from organisations and community groups delivering activities within:

Eligible Communities: Glen Innes · Point England · Panmure

Applications are encouraged from:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registered charities• Incorporated societies• Community organisations• Marae | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth organisations• Sports clubs• Faith-based organisations• Cultural groups |
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• Schools and kura	• Community collectives

Not a registered organisation?

We recognise that some of the best community ideas come from informal groups and grassroots initiatives.

If your group is not a legal entity, you are still encouraged to apply. You will need to nominate an organisation willing to act as your funding sponsor and receive the funding on your behalf.

The nominated organisation will be responsible for:

- Receiving and managing the grant funding.
- Supporting the financial accountability of the project.
- Confirming that the funding has been used for the approved community activation.

If you are unsure whether this applies to your group, please contact Te Waipuna Puawai before submitting your application.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Applicants may apply for grants of up to \$4,000. Te Waipuna Puawai anticipates supporting approximately three to five community activations, depending on the quality and scope of applications received.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

Successful applications should demonstrate how their activation contributes to one or more of the following outcomes.

1. Alcohol Harm Prevention

Community activations that:

- promote alcohol-free environments
- increase awareness of alcohol-related harm
- encourage healthy choices
- strengthen protective factors for rangatahi and whānau
- create positive alternatives to alcohol use

2. Rangatahi Leadership

Community activations that:

- provide opportunities for rangatahi to lead
- build confidence and leadership capability
- strengthen identity and belonging
- encourage peer leadership
- develop positive role models within the community

3. Community Voice & Activation

We are looking for activations that create opportunities for rangatahi and communities to share their ideas, experiences and solutions for reducing alcohol-related harm. Examples may include:

- youth forums

- community conversations
- creative storytelling
- digital media
- surveys
- local awareness campaigns
- community events
- projects that increase understanding of alcohol harm and strengthen community participation

4. Whānau & Community Wellbeing

Community activations that strengthen:

- whānau connections
- community resilience
- safe and inclusive spaces
- positive relationships
- community participation

5. Cultural Identity & Belonging

Community activations that:

- celebrate culture and identity
- strengthen connection to te ao Māori and tikanga where appropriate
- embrace Pasifika values and identity
- foster belonging, pride and inclusion

6. Community Action

Community activations that encourage rangatahi to:

- volunteer
- mentor others
- organise local initiatives
- care for the environment
- deliver alcohol-free events
- strengthen their neighbourhoods through positive action

EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY ACTIVATIONS

Examples include (but are not limited to):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol-free community events • Youth leadership programmes • Creative arts and storytelling projects • Environmental restoration initiatives • Community gardens • Sport and recreation activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellbeing workshops • Music and performance projects • Digital media projects • Community awareness initiatives |
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HOW WE'LL ASSESS APPLICATIONS

Applications will be assessed against:

- Alignment with the Community Action Grant outcomes.
- Contribution to reducing alcohol-related harm.

- Meaningful rangatahi involvement.
- Community need.
- Innovation and creativity.
- Community partnerships.
- Value for money.
- Ability to successfully deliver the activation.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE

- Funding support.
- A project planning session with Te Waipuna Puawai.
- Ongoing support throughout delivery.
- Opportunities to showcase their activation through TWP communications (where appropriate).

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Successful organisations will complete a short report including:

- Description of the activation delivered.
- Number of participants.
- Photos (where consent has been obtained).
- Participant feedback.
- Outcomes achieved.
- Budget summary.
- One community success story.
- One recommendation or insight from rangatahi or the community about strengthening alcohol harm prevention in Tāmaki.

These insights will contribute to Te Waipuna Puawai's ongoing evaluation and help inform future community-led approaches to reducing alcohol-related harm.

PROPOSED TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	DATE
Applications Open	Monday 24 August 2026
Applications Close	Friday 18 September 2026
Assessment	21–25 September 2026
Successful Applicants Notified	Wednesday 30 September 2026
Funding Agreements Signed	October 2026
Community Activations Delivered	October – December 2026
Reports Due	Friday 29 January 2027

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit:

- Completed Application Form.

Applications should be emailed to:

operationsmanager@twp.org.nz

Applications close Friday 18 September 2026.

OUR VISION

Te Waipuna Puawai believes that strong communities are built when rangatahi are empowered to lead, communities work together, and local solutions are celebrated. Through the TWP Community Action Grants, we hope to support community activations that inspire positive change, strengthen whānau, reduce alcohol-related harm, and create lasting outcomes for Tāmaki communities.