

Applying for a grant

Foundation North's vision is to enhance the lives of all the people of our region. We do that by providing grants to support the hundreds of community organisations which help make Auckland and Northland great places to live.

We want to make it as simple as possible for you to apply for a grant. Here is an overview of what you need to know.

For more detailed information, check out our website foundationnorth.org.nz

Who can apply?

To be considered for funding your organisation needs to be

- a charitable trust or incorporated society registered with the Companies Office, or a Māori entity, or on the charities register
- operating for at least 12 months
- able to provide us with annual accounts
- providing a service, project or programme of benefit to the communities of Auckland and/or Northland
- able to provide a resolution from your trustees or board showing authorisation for the application

The types of grants available

We offer two main types of grants:



Quick Response Grants Under \$25,000

Quick Response Grants are designed to meet your funding needs quickly and easily. When you apply for a Quick Response Grant we aim to give you a decision within two months of receiving a complete application.



Community Grants Over \$25,000

Community Grants help community organisations with larger funding needs, and can be multi-year grants. If you are applying for more than \$100,000, you must first discuss your application with a Foundation North funding advisor. Call 0800 272 878. If you apply for a Community Grant, we aim to give you a decision within four months of receiving a complete application.

More details about these programmes are available on our website.

The outcomes we want for Auckland and Northland

We want our grants to support services, programmes and events that will enhance the lives of everyone in our communities. Your application should show how you will help achieve one or more of these outcomes.

Increased participation

- more people take part in recreation, sports, the arts, cultural activities and other community programmes and events

Increased family and whānau resilience

- people know how to be well and stay well

Increased social equity

- improved access to housing, health, education, employment and enterprise opportunities

Increased community capability and self-determination

- communities are supported to find their own solutions to local issues and achieve their aspirations

Increased inclusion and social cohesion

- connections are built within and between communities

Enhanced environmental wellbeing

- our natural world is conserved and restored for today
- and for future generations

Enhanced cultural vibrancy

- our heritage and history are preserved, cultural identity is strengthened, and cross-cultural connectedness grows

The priorities for our region

To achieve our vision, we will prioritise initiatives that respond to community aspirations and provide strengths-based opportunities to:

Address inequalities

- support for the people and places in our region with the greatest needs; communities in Northland and South Auckland, Māori communities and Pacific communities

Strengthen social cohesion

- connections are built between communities and people from all backgrounds feel that they belong

Achieve positive outcomes for children and young people

- help the most disadvantaged in our next generations to reach their full potential

Enable community-led economic development

- create opportunities in communities most affected by unemployment and under-employment

Conserve and enhance our environment

- protect and restore our land, waters, forests, birds and other native species

How we assess applications

When we assess applications for Quick Response Grants and Community Grants, these are the sorts of questions we ask:

- Does the service, programme or event fit with one or more of the outcomes Foundation North is looking for?
- Does your service, programme or event fit with one or more of our priorities?
- Is there also a fit with our Māori Strategy or our Pacific Strategy?
- Is there a need for what you want to offer the community?
- Can your organisation effectively deliver the service, programme or event for which you want funding?
- Is another organisation already providing this service, programme or event?
- Is your organisation in good financial shape?
- Have you thought about risks, such as Health and Safety?
- What sort of evaluation is planned?
- Is there collaboration with other organisations?
- Is your work aligned to good practice principles, if these are applicable?

When you can apply

There are no closing dates for our Quick Response or Community grants.

Your organisation can apply at any time - but you can receive only one grant each year.

The online application process

When you are ready to apply, go to our website foundationnorth.org.nz/funding

- If your organisation is already registered with Foundation North, follow the steps on our Log-In webpage.
- If you are applying for a grant for the first time, you will need to register your organisation and yourself.
- We also provide a printable PDF document outlining the information you need before you start the online process.

If you have any questions, or need help with your application, please give us a call on 09-360 0291 or 0800 272 878