

Guideline for Community-led Development of Council-owned Facilities and Open Spaces

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WHANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

Community-led Initiatives

Community-led initiatives empower communities to undertake a coordinated approach to the transformation of our facilities, open spaces, and communities for the individuals that live in them.

Community-based projects foster sustainable and equitable growth, build community resilience, and create stronger more vibrant communities where there is a sense of belonging and pride. Council can support these projects through designations, essential funding, and structural foundations.

Do you have an idea on how you would like to develop an area in your community?

Council understands the importance and positive well-being impact of having community spaces and facilities where people feel they belong and can connect to one another. Council values working with community to develop facilities and open spaces to be what the community want and need - after all these are community assets.

Bringing resources, knowledge, and passion together in partnership can result in multiple sources of investment, effort, and expertise to deliver community outcomes. Giving our communities a lead role in these projects can empower and enable them, building community capacity and resilience.

Some projects also provide platforms to honour our commitment to work with mana whenua. We embrace our responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and understand that mana whenua hold special cultural and spiritual connections with the land and environment.

Council seeks to optimise our existing facility network and invest in places where people already are. By working alongside the community, Council can be faster and more flexible in meeting needs.

Criteria for Community Initiatives

Council **will** consider applications for any community initiative that may require

- Approval for the use of council facilities
- Support for council processes (including support for completing consenting applications ready for submission)
- Project funding including seed funding for feasibility studies

Council **will not** consider applications for any community initiative that require

- Grant funding requests
- Operational funding (for staff salaries and ongoing operational cost)
- Projects already covered by other Council Plans (existing roading workplan and budget)

Initial Project Checklist

Your Council Project Advisor can help you answer some of the questions about the area you want to develop. At the bottom of this page is an area to jot down any questions or notes.

- Does the community initiative meet Council criteria as highlighted above?
- Is the area public land owned or controlled by Council?
That means it is not privately owned or owned by a government agency.
- Are there any other Community Groups already working on developing this area?
If yes, have you discussed your plans with them? You might be able to join forces and work together if there is.
- Do you have support from the wider community?
- Council has limited finance to support developments, are you prepared to do the work to fundraise, write grant applications and/or secure in-kind support such as materials and labour?

If you have answered yes to these questions, you are off to a great start, lets explore this further!

Notes:

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Your **Whanganui District Council Project Advisor** is your first contact with Council and can help you navigate this **project guide** and complete of your **online application**:

Name:	
Position:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Flow Chart of Stages for your Community-Led Initiative

Stage One – Introduction & initial exploration



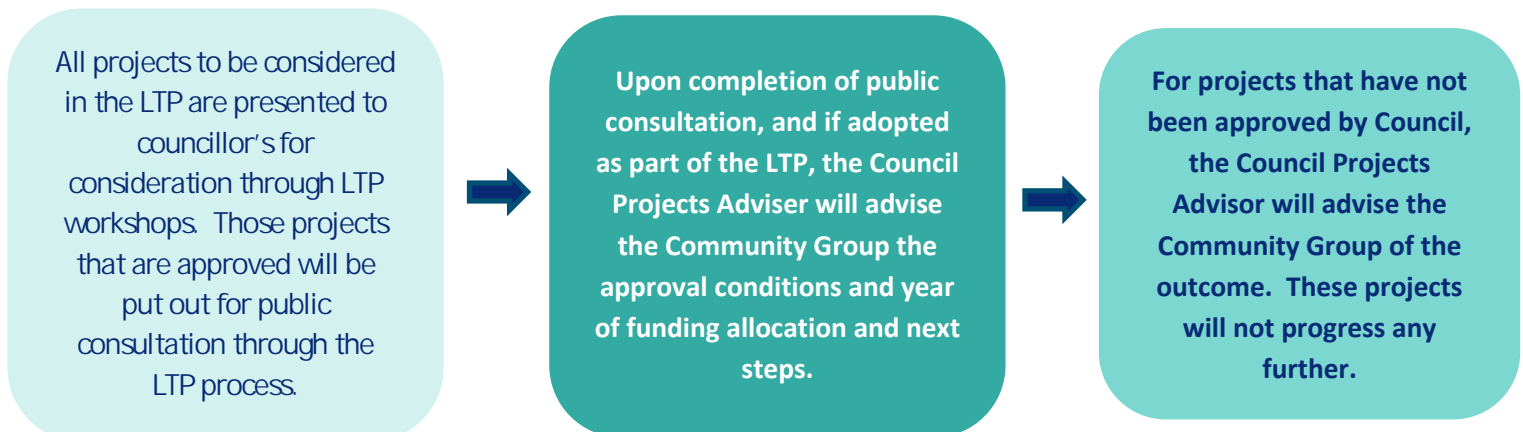
Stage Two – Strategic Assessment



You may have the opportunity to present your idea to councillors at a Projects and Grants Committee public meeting.

Your Council Project Advisor can guide you on what you might want to include and advise you of the possible dates for presentation.

Stage Three – Council Consideration



Stage Four – Project Planning, Execution, Review and Handover



Visibility of project progress on the Council website.

The progress of project implementation will be documented on the Council website for public transparency.

Potential Funders

Fund		Applied for ✓
JBS Duddings Trust	www.publictrust.co.nz/grants/j-b-s-dudding-trust	
New Zealand Community Trust	www.nzct.org.nz/	
Whanganui Community Foundation	Greater social wellbeing and connectedness Whanganui Community Foundation	
Four Regions Trust	Home - Four Regions Trust	
TG Maccarthy Trust	https://www.publictrust.co.nz/grants/how-do-i-find-one/grants/thomas-george-macarthy-trust	
The Lion Foundation	www.lionfoundation.org.nz/	
The Tindall Foundation	https://tindall.org.nz/	
Nga Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui – Te Mana O Te Awa Fund	https://www.ngatangatatiaki.co.nz/for-your-benefit/te-mana-o-te-awa-2/	
JR McKenzie Trust	www.jrmckenzie.org.nz/	
Pub Charity	http://www.pubcharitylimited.org.nz/	
Aotearoa Gaming Trust	https://www.agt.nz/	
Grassroots Trust Central	http://www.grassrootstrustcentral.co.nz/	
Harcourts Foundation	https://harcourtsfoundation.org/	
Grassroots Trust	http://www.grassrootstrustcentral.co.nz/	
Pelorus Trust	http://www.pelorustrust.net.nz/	
The Sargood Bequest	https://www.sargoodbequest.org.nz/	
Te Tahua Whakatinana Papakainga – Lottery Community Fund	https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-community/	
Te Tahua Taiao Nga Taonga – Lottery Environment and Heritage Fund	https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-environment-and-heritage/	
Te Tahua Whakaurunga – Lottery Community Facilities Fund	www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-community/	
Rural Communities Trust	https://ruralcommunitiestrust.org.nz/	
Sport NZ	https://sportnz.org.nz/funding/sport-nz-funds/	
Sport Whanganui	http://www.sportwhanganui.co.nz/	
The North & South Trust	http://www.nstl.co.nz/	
Community Organisation Grants Scheme	https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/community-organisations-grants-scheme/	
Safer Communities Fund	https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/safer-communities-fund/	