

2026 Community-Led Vibrancy Fund Criteria



Assist Council in its vision of becoming a Thriving, Connected and Resilient Grey District

This fund is aimed at Grey District community-led volunteer groups that are delivering projects or events that would otherwise be the responsibility of Council, and which contribute directly to the vibrancy, activation, and ongoing care of the district's community spaces, places, and events.

Funded projects or events must clearly demonstrate that they:

- Deliver outcomes that Council would otherwise need to resource or deliver itself; and
- Meaningfully contribute to a lively, connected, and attractive Grey District through events, activation of public spaces, or enhancement of community places.
- All applications must show a clear and direct alignment with Council's vision and outcomes, or with Council-endorsed strategic documents, including (but not limited to):
 - Long Term Plan and Annual Plan
 - Grey District Economic Development strategy
 - Greymouth CBD Redevelopment Plan

The purpose of the fund is to support community-led volunteer action that extend Council's capacity, enabling projects and events that strengthen connection, resilience, and pride across the Grey District.

Application Guidelines

All applications must be submitted on the Grey District Community-Led Vibrancy Fund application form or online.

Funding will only be provided for projects that are held within the Grey District.

Projects and events must be delivered by community-led volunteer groups, take place on Grey District places or in public spaces, or involve district-wide or community-wide events, where these activities replace, supplement, or extend work that Council would otherwise need to undertake for the benefit of the wider community.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Directly complement, extend, or add value to Council-led or Council-aligned revitalisation initiatives and community-wide events; and
- Contribute to the maintenance, activation, or enhancement of community or public spaces and places where these costs would otherwise sit with Council.
- Eligible costs include those associated with the upkeep, activation, or operation of community spaces and places. and deliver clear district-wide benefit.
- Applications must demonstrate strong alignment with Council's vision for the Grey District to be a Thriving, Connected and Resilient community.
- The total fund available for distribution is \$25,000; most grants will be under \$5000.
- Applications must include your organisation's financial report.
- Projects must be coordinated by established community groups, clubs, or associations.



Environmentally
bold, practical,
resilient and
strategic.

Economically
strong, diverse
sustainable and
prosperous.

Socially
safe, inclusive,
connected and
enabled.

Culturally
proud, unique,
interconnected
and vibrant.

Grant Evaluation Criteria

Is the application from a community-led volunteer group delivering work that would otherwise be the responsibility of Council?

Does the project or event:

- Improve, maintain, activate, or enhance a community space **that Council would otherwise be required to resource**, or
- Deliver a community or district-wide event that Council would otherwise need to organise or support?
- Will this help bring new life to our communities and enhance community wellbeing?
- Will this grow community ownership of our places through the contribution of volunteers?
- Will this strengthen the relationship between Council and the community?
- Applications must show alignment with the Council's vision for the district to Thriving, Connected and Resilient community.
- Has the organisation received, or have they applied, for funds from other organisations for the same project? If so, how much?
- What other bodies are there to specifically cater for funding this project? e.g. Creative New Zealand, Lottery Grants Commission, COGS, Ministry of Social Development funding, Ministry of Education, heritage organisations, Health NZ, Department of Conservation?
- How much of their own funds does the organisation have to put towards, this request/project?
- Is the organisation-a non-profit body and able to accurately account for any funds granted?
- Has the organisation supplied all information on the application form, including a set of accounts?
- The application will be considered by the full Grey District Council.
- Day-to-day operational costs necessary for delivering community services and maintaining community facilities will be considered. This may include administration, utilities, rates, insurance, wages, and other essential running costs directly related to operating a community space or service.

This fund will not cover:

1. Gambling or prize money, royalties, awards, judges' fees for competitions, the cost of running a fundraising activity, debt, or interest on debt.
2. Activities or groups whose purpose is primarily the responsibility of central government, and government departments based on the West Coast.
3. Activities or initiatives where the primary purpose is to promote religious ministry, political objectives, and commercial or profit-oriented interests.
4. Money which will be re-distributed as grant funding, sponsorship, donations, bequests, aid funding or aid to other recipients.
5. Salary, wages or employment costs.

This fund will usually not cover:

1. Retrospective costs or project or purchase costs incurred or settled before the agreed commencement date of the funding agreement.
2. Purchase of land and buildings.
3. Purchase of vehicles and any related ongoing maintenance repair, overhead costs or road user charges.
4. Air travel, accommodation hotel or motel expenses, unless to bring in expert help or expertise.

If successful, all recipients will be required to account accurately for funds within 12 months.

Here are the options on how to access and submit your application:

- <https://haveyoursay.greydc.govt.nz>
- Download the PDF form and email to info@greydc.govt.nz or
- Drop it in at our Grey District Council Reception, 105 Tainui Street.

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