

Community Matching Fund Successful Projects 2026



General Fund

Organisation	Grant	Description
Aongatete Outdoor Education Charitable Trust	\$2,306.82	A grant has been awarded to support improvements to community facilities and the development of new environmental education resources. This funding will also help replace table tops to better support learning and community use.
Complex Chronic Illness Support Inc.	\$3,000	A grant has been awarded towards the Towards Wellness Community Connection Project. This will help reduce isolation and improve wellbeing for people living with complex chronic illness in the Western Bay of Plenty through accessible resources, workshops, and support.
Graeme Dingle Foundation	\$2,000	A grant has been awarded to help deliver youth programmes that support young people each week across the community. This funding will contribute to the ongoing delivery of positive development opportunities for local rangatahi.
Hauora Waka Uplift	\$1,300	Funding has been awarded towards new lifejackets for the Mauri Tū Mauri Ora programme. This will help support safe, accessible waka ama sessions for rangatahi while strengthening wellbeing, confidence, and cultural connection.
Hauraki Waka Ama Inc.	\$2,000	Funding has been awarded towards two W6 waka to support waka ama at Waihi Beach. This will help strengthen opportunities for local people to participate in the sport and enjoy being active on the water.
Katikati A&P Society	\$2,500	A grant has been awarded towards an accessible toilet makeover. This will help create a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming facility for visitors and improve accessibility at the showgrounds.
Katikati Open Air Art	\$5,000	A grant has been awarded towards artist fees for The Arts Junction Mural in Katikati. This will help create a vibrant community artwork that brings people together through shared design, storytelling, and community painting sessions.
Katch Katikati	\$2,950	A grant has been awarded towards a storage container for the Katikati Emergency Response Team. This will help provide secure storage for emergency response equipment and support local preparedness.
Maketu School	\$9,963.47	A grant has been awarded to support Te Ara Kai o Maketu. This project will help build local knowledge and skills around food growing, wellbeing, and connection to place.
Maketu Volunteer Coastguard Inc.	\$10,000	Funding was granted to Maketū Volunteer Coastguard towards the construction of a new shed to securely store rescue equipment in one central location beside the Kaituna River. The project will support the group's ability to respond effectively on the water and continue providing an important community safety service for the Maketū area.
MenzShed Omokoroa Inc.	\$1,000	A grant has been awarded to MenzShed Omokoroa for their vegetable garden, which supports the local Foodbank and aids 200 families and individuals. The funding covers ongoing expenses like pesticides and seedlings, complementing generous local business donations.
Omokoroa Community Policing Group Charitable Trust	\$2,385.10	Funding has been awarded towards a defibrillator for the community patrol vehicle. This will strengthen emergency response capability and help support community safety in Ōmokoroa.

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Project Waihi Beach Community Trust	\$2,951.69	A grant has been awarded to support the Bowentown Rock Climbing Project, including upgrading climbing bolts on existing routes. This will help improve safety while supporting outdoor recreation and community participation for locals and visitors.
Public Art Omokoroa Inc.	\$2,761.80	Funding has been awarded has been awarded to support Symposium at the Point in Omokoroa, a 10-day live arts event connecting artists and the community. The grant will go towards costs for equipment, lighting, and site support
Pukehina Fishing Club	\$2,500	A grant has been awarded towards a concrete pad at the front of the Pukehina Fishing Club Hall. This will create a more functional outdoor space for competitions, community days, registrations, seating, and barbecues, and help support wider use of the hall.
Pukehina Surf Rescue Lifeguard Service Inc.	\$8,000	A grant has been awarded towards tables and chairs for the newly built Pukehina Surf Rescue clubhouse. This will help equip the space for water safety education, volunteer training, community hui, and local events alongside active lifesaving operations.
Reach Out Trust	\$2,000	A grant has been awarded to support the weekly Student Pancake Thursday initiative by helping cover the cost of ingredients and essential equipment. This will help the group continue providing regular breakfasts and a welcoming space for local students.
Te Puna Kindergarten	\$2,141.69	A grant has been awarded to support a Garden to Table project at Te Puna Kindergarten. This will help tamariki learn about growing, preparing, and enjoying fresh food.
Te Puke Bridge Club	\$1,300	A grant has been awarded towards equipment renewal for the Te Puke Bridge Club. This will help support ongoing participation and provide a better experience for members and visitors.
Te Puke Gymsport Inc.	\$4,300	A grant has been awarded towards a new air track for Te Puke Gymsport. This will support safe movement and provide improved equipment for community participation in gymnastics and active recreation.
Te Puke United Junior Football Club	\$3,000	Funding has been awarded towards football equipment, gear, and a website. This will help support junior players and improve communication with the club community.
Te Puna Playcentre	\$1,625	Funding has been awarded towards Te Puna Kai Ora, including raised garden beds and native planting. This project will support kai growing, food resilience, and hands-on learning for tamariki and whānau.
The Daily Charitable Trust	\$4,500	A grant has been awarded for the installation of a new security system at The Daily. This will help create a safe and secure space that can be used more often by the community, including outside normal opening hours and free of charge for community groups.
The Te Puke Kiwifruit Capital of the World Heritage Society Inc.	\$4,416.46	Funding has been awarded towards new display walls for the Experience Te Puke heritage hub. This will help showcase Te Puke's unique heritage and culture, and support the sharing of local stories with the community and visitors.
Waipuna Hospice	\$2,625	Funding has been awarded for the Comfort at Home: Pressure Injury Prevention Project, including replacement pressure-relieving mattresses and pumps. This will help more people across the Western Bay of Plenty receive safe and comfortable care at home, while also supporting whānau and caregivers.
Waikato Bay of Plenty Cancer Society	\$8,000	A grant has been awarded to support transport to treatment for people with cancer in the Western Bay of Plenty. This will help reduce the financial, practical, and emotional barriers people can face when travelling to essential appointments and treatment.
Waihi Beach Memorial RSA Bowling Club Inc.	\$4,347.83	A grant has been awarded towards the installation of an artificial playing surface at the Waihi Beach Bowling Club. This will help improve the facility and support ongoing community participation in bowls.
Waihi Beach Women's DIY	\$5,000	A grant has been awarded towards shared tools, materials, and equipment for Waihi Beach Women's DIY. This will help women come together to learn practical DIY skills, build confidence, and support one another in a welcoming community setting.
Whakamarama School PTA	\$7,000	Funding has been awarded to support The Living Classroom, including a māra kai and Garden to Table hub at Whakamārama School. This project will create hands-on learning opportunities and support food resilience.



Environmental Fund

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Paraiti Catchment Care Group	\$10,000	A grant has been awarded towards apex predator control in the Paraiti catchment. This project will help protect returning kiwi and kōkako and support long-term biodiversity outcomes.
Pendergrast Memorial Heritage Park Trust	\$5,000	A grant has been awarded towards the purchase of a ride-on mower for Pendergrast Memorial Heritage Park. This will help the Trust maintain tracks and manage weeds and grass more effectively, while improving public access to this valued community and environmental space.
Pest Free Omokoroa	\$2,638.60	A grant has been awarded towards three environmental projects in Ōmokoroa, including native planting and habitat improvements at Cooney Reserve, the Conservation Pond, and Eel Creek. This will help improve local biodiversity and support healthier shared spaces for wildlife and the community.
Rotoehu Ecological Trust	\$10,000	Funding has been awarded towards the 2027 Autumn Kōkako Census in the trust's managed area. This project will help monitor native bird populations and inform ongoing conservation work.
Sustainable Waihi Beach	\$4,773.45	Funding has been awarded towards Project Cacophony Waihi Beach. This project will support local biodiversity and strengthen community-led environmental restoration.
Te Whakakaha Conservation Trust	\$6,200	Funding has been awarded to upgrade trapping technology at Ottawa Sanctuary. This project will help strengthen predator control and support local conservation outcomes.
The Kaharoa Kōkako Trust	\$10,000	A grant has been awarded towards volunteer-friendly road access in the Kaharoa Conservation Area. This will support ecosystem restoration and make it easier for volunteers to carry out conservation work.
Uretara Estuary Managers Incorporated	\$4,342.50	A grant has been awarded towards restoration of the Uretara Estuary Walkway. This will help protect and enhance the local environment while improving community access and enjoyment.
Western Bay Heritage Trust - Western Bay Museum	\$7,740	Funding has been awarded towards Taonga o te Taiao, an environmental education programme. This project will help connect people with the natural heritage of our place through learning and discovery.
Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust	\$917.67	Funding has been awarded towards bait station and track marking repair and maintenance. This will support ongoing conservation work and help maintain safe access for volunteers and visitors.