

2026/27 Welcoming Communities Fund

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Your organisation

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Purpose and criteria of the fund

The purpose of Hamilton City Council's Welcoming Communities Fund is to support and enable *Welcoming Communities projects/activities* which align to the outcomes of the Welcoming Plan as follows:

- 1. Inclusive leadership;** Leaders both designated and unofficial reflect the diversity in the local community.
- 2. Welcoming Communications;** People of all cultures and backgrounds feel included, listened to and well informed.
- 3. Equitable Access;** Opportunities to access services and activities and to participate in the community are available to all, including newcomers.
- 4. Connected and Inclusive Communities;** People feel safe in their identity, that they are connected with and belong in the community.
- 5. Economic Development, Business and Employment;** Newcomers are supported to access local employment information, services and networks.
- 6. Civic Engagement and Participation;** Newcomers are encouraged and enabled to get involved in local government and civil society.
- 7. Welcoming Public Spaces;** Provide opportunities to build trust and relationships between newcomers and members of the receiving community.
- 8. Culture and Identity;** There is a shared sense of pride in being part of a culturally rich and vibrant community. People feel their culture is respected and valued. There are opportunities to learn about each other's cultures.

For further details and a full explanation on each outcome please check our [Welcoming Plan Hamilton - Te Waharoa Ki Ngaa Hapori Kirikiriroa](#)

The Welcoming Communities Fund round is open until all grant money has been allocated. The funding pool is \$75,000 and up to \$5,000 per application.

Priority will be given to applications from community organisations that are:

- Eligible to apply (see below), and are
- Applying for **projects/activities** which align to at least one of the outcomes of the [Welcoming Plan](#), and
- Applying up to \$5,000 per application.
- Collaborative projects are encouraged.

Note: Applications requesting a new development or extension of an existing programme where newcomers benefit, may be considered. Talk to our team before you apply.

Generally Council funds community organisations which meet the following criteria:

- They are legally constituted as not-for-profit community organisations (charitable trusts or incorporated societies) and have been operating for a minimum of 12 months.
- They have the capacity to deliver the project as outlined in their application.
- They have records such as a bank account, annual accounts, minutes of meetings.
- They agree to the terms and conditions of any potential grant as outlined in their grant agreement.

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- They agree to provide further information on request, and to provide accountability for any funds received.

Note: If you wish to apply, but do not meet the above criteria, please contact Jovi Abellanosa's email - Jovi.Abellanosa@hcc.govt.nz. (Groups may be considered if they apply under the umbrella of another organisation).

What will not be funded?

- Projects or operational costs already substantially funded by Hamilton City Council.
- Retrospective funding i.e. specific projects that have already started or have been completed.
- Religious Ministry regarding the teaching or preaching of their faith.
- Activities considered core Government responsibility e.g. teaching of the school curriculum.
- Political organisations or social clubs.
- Repayment of debt, Loans (or loan guarantees), rates remittance, community leases or rentals, mortgage repayments or investments of any kind.
- Any projects or activities that would generally be considered illegal or are contrary to Councils aims and objective.
- Travel and accommodation.
- Prizes, cost of goods to be raffled or any costs associated with fundraising.

When will I know the outcome?

The funding round will remain open until the first week of June 2026, unless the funds have been fully allocated prior to this. Once submitted, applications will be assessed at regular intervals. It could be up to 4-8 weeks before the outcome of your request is known. Please plan your project dates accordingly as Council does not fund retrospective requests.

Who can help me with this application?

Council have Funding Advisors that can help your group complete this application form. If you would like the support of HCC Senior Advisor, please email Konah.Park@hcc.govt.nz for assistance.

Does your service, programme or activity take place in Hamilton? *

- Yes No

Is your group a *

- Incorporated Society Registered Charitable Trust

Please check this link if you are not sure. <https://www.charities.govt.nz/news-and-events/blog/what-to-be-or-not-to-be-incorporated-societies-and-charitable-trusts/>

Does your organisation have a bank account? * *

- Yes No

Has your organisation been operating more than 12 months? *

- Yes No

Do you have a set of annual financial accounts including financial statements and performance reports? *

- Yes No

For more info: please check <https://www.charities.govt.nz/reporting-standards/about/>

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Organisation name *

Please enter the registered (legal) name of your organisation.

Contact person *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Please enter the name of the primary contact person for this application.

Contact phone number *

Please enter the contact phone number for the primary contact given above.

Contact email address *

Please enter the email address for the primary contact given above.

Organisation Details:

What is the main purpose of your organisation? *

Must be no more than 50 words

What programmes or services does your organisation provide? *

Must be no more than 100 words

How many people do you have that volunteer their time to support the running of your organisation? *

Your Project

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Project name *

Tell us about your project - what do you want to achieve? *

Word count:

No more than 200 words

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Which newcomer group will primarily benefit from the project? *

How many individuals are expected to benefit from your project? *

Please provide a realistic estimate of the number of individual people who benefit each year from all the services delivered by your organisation. For example if one person attends five times throughout the year they are counted as one person.

Please select one main Welcoming Plan outcome your project aligns to *

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How does your project meet the outcome selected above? *

Project start date

The date the project starts.

Project end date

The date the project is completed.

Project Benefits:

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Please describe how the wider community will benefit from your project? *

Word count:
No more than 300 words

How will you measure the success of your project? *

Word count:
No more than 200 words

Additional Information:

Please feel free to add any additional comments or information relevant to this application.

Word count:
No more than 500 words.

Other relevant attachments:

Attach a file:

Financial Information

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Project Budget (Compulsory)

A project budget is essential. If your organisation is GST registered, **DO NOT** include GST in these costs.

Please complete the budget table below. **Please specify your sources of income and if they are confirmed (c) or unconfirmed (uc). Please make this budget as accurate as possible.**

If you have any **queries or need help with this budget section** - please email our Senior Advisor, Konah.Park@hcc.govt.nz

Income	\$	Expenditure	\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$

Budget Totals

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Total Income Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Expenditure Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Income - Expenditure

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Total cost of project (A)

*

Must be a dollar amount. What is the total cost (dollars) of your project?

Total income of project (B) *

\$

Must be a dollar amount. What is the total income (dollars) towards your project?

Difference (A-B) *

\$

This number/amount is calculated. Total cost (A) - total income (B) = balance required. If this figure is more than your request please complete budget shortfall question below.

Amount requested from this Welcoming Community Fund *

\$

Financial summary of your organisation:

Total Annual Income *

Please enter your total annual income of your organisation as shown on your annual accounts.

Total Annual Expenditure *

Please enter your total annual expenditure of your organisation as shown on your annual accounts.

Latest Annual Financial Statements (Annual Accounts) *

Attach a file:

Please attach your latest annual financial statements eg: Statement of Financial Performance (Income and Expenditure), Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) etc.

Attach your Summary Bank Statement here (must show organisation name) *

Attach a file:

Please attach a summary list of your bank accounts showing your bank name, organisation name, current balances, including term deposits.

Declaration

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In making this declaration I declare that:

- 1.I am authorised to do so and to the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is true and correct.
- 2.Any grant received will be used for the project for which it was approved.
- 3.The organisation will comply with any reasonable request from Hamilton City Council to monitor performance and accountability.
- 4.This organisation is fully compliant with all applicable legislation, including part 3 of the requirements under the [Children's Act 2014](#) to safety check your volunteers and staff (if applicable).
- 5.I understand that HCC is required to disclose information regarding this grant, if requested by a third party, under the Local Government Official Information Act.
- 6.Hamilton City Council will advise our organisation of the outcome of this application. If successful, an authorised person from this organisation will complete a Grant Agreement Form and upload an invoice for payment through SmartyGrants.
- 7.Any grant received will be used for the project for which it was approved. Once funds have been spent this organisation will complete the required accountability form.
- 8.This organisation is aware that the personal information that you provide in this form will be held and protected by Hamilton City Council in accordance with our Privacy Statement. A copy of the policy is available here [Privacy Policy](#) and at our libraries, pools and the Municipal Building, Garden Place in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. The Privacy Statement explains how we can use and share your personal information in relation to any interaction you have with the Council, and how you can access and correct that information. You should familiarise yourself with this Statement before submitting this form.
- 9.This organisation is aware that organisation and personal information collected will be held by Hamilton City Council for the purpose of assessing applications and may be shared with other parties in the process of assessing or in publishing or making available the results of approved grants.

Full Name of Organisation *

Full Name of Authorised Signatory *

Position of Authorised Signatory *

Date of Declaration *