**Criteria for Community Grants**

The Ōtaki Community Board will consider the applications that support:

* Community groups contributing directly to wider community wellbeing – environmental, social, cultural and economic.

*(This relates to community groups specifically set up to help people in the community and/ or improve the local environment. It does not include business development initiatives.)*

* Individual young people or youth organisations where there is an opportunity to excel at a range of cultural, community, environmental or educational achievements
* Progressing the activities of community groups in the areas of culture, social or economic that advance the general enjoyment and wellbeing of the community.

*(This relates to groups that while not having a particular focus on improving social wellbeing, do contribute to the general feel and enjoyment of the community – for example, a Music Society, a group set up to put on a concert or event, a sports club.)*

**Eligible Groups**

1. Applicants must reside in the Ōtaki Ward and can include individuals or groups.
2. Groups that provide cultural, environmental or social services will be eligible.
3. Churches and schools will also be eligible in special circumstances.
4. Groups that are unable to receive sufficient grants from other sources because of the timeframe or because they are otherwise ineligible.
5. Groups must be non-profit making.
6. Purely recreational groups shall be eligible in relation to youth, the aged, people with disabilities or the socially disadvantaged or for unique historic occasions.

**Eligible Purposes**

1. Unique or infrequent events that are historically important to the town.
2. Special events that will promote the town and enhance opportunities within the town.
3. Activities that encourage the development of cultural, environmental, social or educational activities within the local district.
4. Unique and especially meritorious events that meet none of these criteria, at the discretion of the board.

**Ineligible Purposes**

1. Expenses incurred for school curriculum activities.
2. The board will not approve any retrospective grants.
3. The board will not consider applications relating to sporting activities where there is potential for these to be funded by Sport New Zealand or a national sporting body to which the applicant is affiliated.

**Maximum Grant**

The maximum amount payable is **$750.00**. Applicants can receive only one grant within a 12-month period.

**Accountability**

1. All applicants are required to provide a short, simple report back on use of the funds. This can be done either by attending a meeting of the Board and reporting verbally or sending an “Accountability Report Back” form outlining the benefits gained; and attaching copies of receipts and other financial information if applicable. Applicants failing to meet this accountability requirement will be excluded from any further applications for a period of two years.
2. Any money **NOT** used for the purpose applied for is required to be immediately repaid to the Ōtaki Community Board Grants Fund. Failure to do so will excluded the applicant for two years from any further application.

**Procedure for Applications**

1. Applications must be made on the approved application form and must contain all supporting information (maximum of five supporting pages).
2. Applications must include a bank deposit slip.

**Applications are to be addressed to:**

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| Democracy Services Team Kāpiti Coast District Council Private Bag 60601 Paraparaumu 5254 | or | democracy.services@kapiticoast.govt.nz |

**Please Note:** Applications must be received by the Kāpiti Coast District Council at least 8 working days before the Ōtaki Community Board meeting date to meet the reporting deadline.

**Applicant Details**

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| Name: |  |
| Organisation *(if applicable)*: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Daytime Contact Phone: |  | Email: |  |
| **Why do you need this funding?** (*Please attach further information that will help your application*) |
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| **When do you need it?** *(Start date)* |  |
| **What are the expected benefits to you (the applicant)?** |
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| **What are the expected benefits to the Ōtaki Ward?** |
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| **Costs** *(travel, accommodation, etc.)**(Where possible please provide written quotes)* | **Income** *(fundraising, grants, saving, etc.)* |

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| **How much are you applying for?** | Total | $ |  |  |
| **Are you GST Registered?** | Yes / No |  |  |  |  |  |
| *(If yes, and your application is successful, you will be required to provide a GST invoice before your grant can be paid)*  |
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| **How will you fund the shortfall if this grant is not approved?** |
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| **Have you applied for funds for the same purpose from any other source?***(If yes, please provide full details)* |
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| **Is this a National or Provincial Organisation to whom you are affiliated making a contribution to this activity?** *(If yes, please provide full details)* |
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| **Please list any grants received from the Ōtaki Community Board in the past 3 years:** |
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*If needed, please use a separate sheet to provide full details for the above questions.*

**Declaration**

*I certify that the information provided above is accurate:*

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| Signature: |  |  | Date: |  |

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| **Send application and supporting documentation to:** |
| Democracy Services TeamKāpiti Coast District CouncilPrivate Bag 60601Paraparaumu 5254 | OR | democracy.services@kapiticoast.govt.nz |

**Please attach:**

* **A bank deposit slip, for direct credit payment if application is successful**
* **Any other supporting information that will help your application (maximum of five pages)**