

2026 Community-Led Vibrancy Fund Criteria



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

Priority is given to Grey District community-led volunteer groups undertaking projects or events in Grey District spaces and places.

The projects and events should show a direct connection to our council vision and outcomes, or council endorsed strategic documents, including the Long Term and Annual plans; Grey District Economic Development, Play, Active Recreation, and Sport Strategy; Greymouth CBD Redevelopment Plan; and the Grey District Arts Strategy.

The aim is a thriving connected and resilient Grey District, bolstered by volunteer projects.

Application Guidelines

1. All applications must be submitted on the Grey District Community-Led Vibrancy Fund application form or online.
2. Funding will only be provided for projects that are held within the Grey District.
3. We especially welcome and encourage projects that take place on Grey District places or spaces, or involve community-wide events, as these align closely with our goals for broad public benefit.
4. Preference will be given to projects that enhance the work that will be done through council-aligned revitalisation projects, and community-wide events. Costs associated with maintaining spaces and places are able to be funded.
5. Applications must show alignment with the Council's vision for the district to become a Thriving, Connected and Resilient community. Connecting with the Environmentally, Economically, Socially, Culturally outcomes (see below)
6. Total of fund available for distribution \$25,000. Most grants will be under \$5000.
7. Applications must include your organisation's financial report.
8. Projects must be coordinated by established community groups, clubs, or associations.
9. The project work will be done by the relevant community group.



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

1. Will the grant directly benefit our community spaces and events within the Grey District?
2. Will this improve or enhance a community space, or is this a community event?
3. Will this help bring new life to our communities and enhance community wellbeing?
4. Will this grow community ownership of our places through the contribution of volunteers?
5. Will this strengthen the relationship between Council and the community?
6. Applications must show alignment with the Council's vision for the district to Thriving, Connected and Resilient community.
7. Has the organisation received, or have they applied, for funds from other organisations for the same project? If so, how much?
8. 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?
9. How much of their own funds does the organisation have to put towards, this request/project?
10. Is the organisation-a non-profit body and able to accurately account for any funds granted?
11. Has the organisation supplied all information on the application form, including a set of accounts?
12. The application will be considered by the full Grey District Council.
13. Day-to-day operational costs necessary for delivering community services and maintaining community facilities will be considered. This may include administration, utilities, rates, insurance, 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. Day to Day operational costs that primarily for running an organisation (administration, salary, wages etc)

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. Wages for trustees.
3. Purchase of land and buildings.
4. Purchase of vehicles and any related ongoing maintenance repair, overhead costs or road user charges.
5. 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.

How to apply

There are three ways you can apply:

- Complete the Community Led Vibrancy Fund Application form online at [www.greycdc.govt.nz/03your-community/grants-and-funding/community led vibrancy fund](http://www.greycdc.govt.nz/03your-community/grants-and-funding/community-led-vibrancy-fund)
- Download our PDF form and email to info@greycdc.govt.nz or
- Fill in our printable PFD and drop it in at our Tainui Street reception.

For further information contact Marina Tomasi on 027 243 9381 or marina.tomasi@greycdc.govt.nz