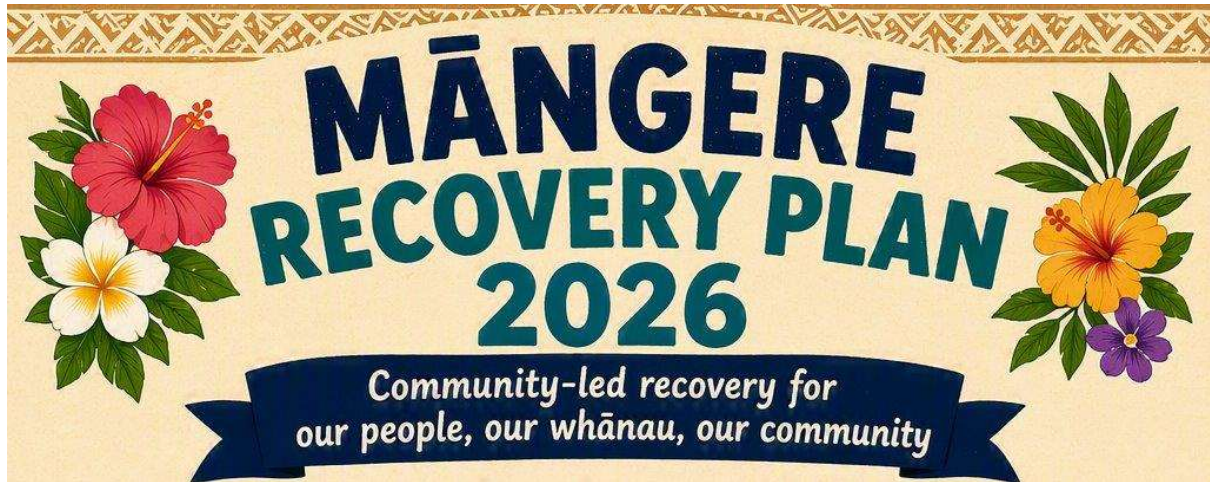


Māngere Stronger Together Recovery Fund Guidelines



The Māngere Stronger Together Fund is the final stage of the Local Recovery Planning.

The Māngere Leadership Rōpū has developed this Plan after listening, learning, and working alongside the community following the 2023 floods and cyclone. Through talanoa, kōrero, and community-led conversations, people have shared their experiences, challenges, and hopes for the future. The Plan reflects these voices and identifies the ongoing recovery needs and priorities that will help Māngere grow stronger together.

This fund has a total of \$300,000 available and has been designed for community members, groups and whānau to apply for funding that will support Māngere to recover. All community members have an opportunity to decide on which of the proposed projects get funded.

Before You Apply

Your Project Must:

- Be based in Māngere
- Address at least one of the four funding priorities
- Involve and benefit Māngere communities
- Be completed by **30 May 2027**

What can the funding be used for?

The Recovery Rōpū have four priorities for the funding to support. Projects that meet the outcomes for one or more of the priorities are invited to complete a brief application form providing details of the project and the amount of funding they will need to complete it.

Recovery Priorities:

Priority 1: Social connection and community wellbeing

Our community needs spaces to reconnect, heal, and support one another.

What this looks like in our community:

- Bringing our people together through hui, talanoa, fono and community gatherings
- Supporting displaced whānau to reconnect with the Māngere support network
- Reaching out to elders, vulnerable groups and those experiencing isolation
- Supporting wellbeing initiatives by faith-based organisations, marae, cultural or local community groups
- Creating safe spaces for connection and support
- Providing culturally grounded wellbeing support

Priority 2: Leadership and capability building

Local leaders and organisations played a critical role during the floods and continue to support our whānau through recovery. We need to strengthen and support this leadership.

What this looks like in our community:

- Strengthening collective community leadership and representative voice across the diverse groups in Māngere, particularly for resilience activities
- Supporting community leaders to build their capability to advocate for our people and our whānau
- Identifying and nurturing emerging leaders, including rangatahi and grassroots organisers
- Ensuring leadership reflects the diversity, cultures, and lived experiences of Māngere
- Building capability so leaders can guide recovery efforts, influence decisions, and access resources

Priority 3: Education and self-advocacy

Our community has told us that getting the right help can be difficult. Barriers to accessing funding, services, and information have made recovery harder.

What this looks like in our community:

- Gathering and amplifying community voices, lived experiences, and local knowledge
- Advocating to council, government agencies, and funders for more accessible and responsive support

- Supporting our whānau and community groups to navigate funding, insurance, and services
- Providing clear, culturally relevant, and language-accessible information
- Building knowledge in key areas such as financial literacy, recovery processes, and available supports
- Strengthening environmental awareness supporting our communities to understand changing weather patterns, climate impacts, and what this means for Māngere
- Building knowledge and connection to our local awa and streams understanding water flow, flooding risks, and how to care for and protect these spaces
- Supporting community-led learning that reflects values of kaitiakitanga and collective responsibility

Priority 4: Community-led emergency readiness and resilience

Our community knows that we need to prepare for the future by learning from the past.

What this looks like in our community:

- Delivering practical, community-led education on emergency preparedness, safety, and response
- Supporting households and our whānau to develop their own readiness and response plans
- Strengthening local networks so our community can respond quickly, collectively, and confidently
- Embedding environmental awareness into readiness understanding how climate change, rainfall patterns, and local conditions affect flooding risk
- Building knowledge of our local awa, streams, and drainage systems - understanding how water moves and where risks sit
- Encouraging community-led action to care for waterways and the environment, reflecting kaitiakitanga and shared responsibility
- Learning from past flooding experiences to improve future preparedness and response
- Continuing to advocate for stronger infrastructure and environmental protections

Projects must be completed by the end of May 2027.

Do you have an idea or project (it can be big or small) that meets one or more of the above priorities? [Apply today!](#)

How much can you apply for?

You can apply for any of these two funding categories:

Category One: Up to \$20,000

These applications are likely to be quicker to implement and involves a smaller number of community members for example, a street, neighbourhood or resident group.

Category Two: \$20,001 to \$50,000

These applications are for larger groups to put forward projects that will support more members of the community and have a lasting impact.

Who can apply?

Anyone who has a good idea or project that relates to the four priority areas*

If you would like to discuss your idea before applying, contact:

Norma Sialetonga email: Norma.Sialetonga@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Important Information

Funding is administered by Auckland Council. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement.

If your group is not a registered charity, trust, incorporated society, or legal entity, you may work with an umbrella organisation that can hold and administer funding on your behalf. Please contact us if you need support with this.

For this fund, umbrella organisations may charge up to \$200, which should be included in your project budget.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed by the Māngere Leadership Rōpū after applications close.

Projects will be assessed against the following criteria:

Impact

- Does the project make a meaningful contribution to one or more funding priorities?
- Will the benefits continue beyond the funding period?

Equity

- Does the project support priority communities, including:
 - Māori
 - Pacific peoples
 - Youth
 - Older people
 - People with disabilities

Capacity

- Is the project realistic and achievable?
- Can it be delivered within the available budget and timeframe?
- Does it strengthen partnerships and community collaboration?

Assessment Process

The Leadership Rōpū will assess all written applications.

Projects that meet the assessment requirements will be invited to present at the Community Projects Showcase and Voting Event.

Where similar projects are proposed, applicants may be encouraged to collaborate to achieve greater impact and longer-lasting benefits.

Rōpū members with conflicts of interest will not participate in the assessment of those applications

Community Projects Showcase and Voting Event

On 10th October 2026 at Māngere Market (alternative venue if raining) all successful groups will be invited to provide a three-minute presentation on their idea and concept. Presentations can be made using voice, dance, song, PowerPoints or video; whichever is easiest for you and your group (there is no wrong way).

Applications up to \$20,000 will present first and a vote will take place for everyone who is present on the day for all projects pitched.

Applications between \$20,001 and \$50,000 will present second and a vote will take place for everyone who is present on the day for all projects pitched.

Key Dates:

Stage	Provisional Timeline
Application period opens	29 th August 2026
Support available for applicants	Members of the Leadership Rōpū and Council staff are available to support you with questions until the applications close. You can contact them through email Norma.Sialetonga@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for questions.
Applications close	20 th September 2026
Community Projects Showcase and Voting event	10 th October 2026
Decisions made on or before	31 st October 2026
Projects begin	Funding agreements are anticipated to start by 30 November 2026 or sooner. All projects will need to be completed by 30 May 2027

Final Decisions

The Leadership Rōpū will allocate funding post the event. This is to ensure that all the funds are provided to the community and that there are projects that relate to all four priorities. All groups will be notified of the outcome by 31st October and funding agreements will be prepared.

Māngere Stronger Together Fund application form

