

Social investment funding priorities and guiding principles

FUNDING PRIORITIES

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Our people are connected, empowered and feel part of a community

Under this priority, we would seek to support activities that build the capacity for our communities to maximise their strengths, address local needs and enhance wellbeing. Outcomes sought under this priority:

- More people in diverse communities experience neighbourhood connection
- Māori communities are strong and resilient
- Vulnerable people (groups, families and individuals) benefit from participation in their community and get support
- Communities work together to solve complex problems and learn together
- Communities have greater social cohesion
- Community health and wellbeing is increased with people feeling valued, worthwhile and cared for
- Communities, and the people in them, exemplify a 'can do' attitude
- Community resources are leveraged and local assets are enabled to be of service to local people
- Communities that can adapt and respond creatively to change and develop solutions.

SAFE COMMUNITIES

Our communities are safe places and community and neighbourhood safety is strategic and joined up

The focus for this priority is on strategic partnerships and the development of a districtwide strategic plan for community safety and crime prevention. Outcomes sought under this priority:

- Safety and crime prevention initiatives are coordinated and there is collective vision about what needs to be achieved
- People feel safe in their neighbourhoods
- Crime in public spaces is reduced
- Communities lead their own initiatives to reduce crime and increase public safety
- We have strong social capital that builds a feeling of safety in neighbourhoods
- Neighbourhoods and public spaces are safe, welcoming and promote social interaction.

A CAPABLE SECTOR

Our community and social sector is capable, effective and resilient

This priority is focused on capacity-building support to assist organisations to build their resilience, sustainability and effectiveness. **Outcomes sought under this priority:**

- Community organisations are more resilient and financially sustainable
- A sector that is responsive to social change and able to address the changing needs of our district
- More people with a wide range of skills, including specialist skills, are involved in volunteering
- Local not-for-profits share knowledge with others
- Community organisations are more effective in their decision making and act strategically
- Increased collaboration and partnership brings joined-up opportunities
- More social enterprises are developed with increased local social impact.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Sustainability - empowering communities to address local issues and deliver community-led initiatives (sustaining benefits beyond Council involvement); encouraging innovation; and, helping those working in the community become sustainable in all respects, including environmental

Equity - supporting all members of our diverse communities to participate in activities and use services; and, recognising strengths of communities as well as their needs

Treaty of Waitangi - reflecting needs of tangata whenua; seeking engagement with iwi; and, increasing opportunities for iwi and hapū to participate in initiatives

Iwi prosperity - recognising the principles of tino rangatiratanga to achieve iwi aspirations through iwi-led initiatives; and, advancing iwi prosperity for current and future generations

Valuing community and volunteer contributions - recognising the contribution of volunteers and the diversity across community groups; supporting their development and increasing capability; and, building and sharing knowledge of our community and community resources

Partnership and collaboration - seeking to form and support partnerships focused on outcomes; encouraging organisations to work together creatively to respond to community needs; and, prioritising initiatives that are led and endorsed by iwi and communities working together.

