AUCKLAND COMMUNITY TRUST

Funding Policy



Pictured: Auckland Pride
Artists: Louie Zalk-Neale & Neke Moa



Pictured: HELP Auckland

About Us

Mō Tātou

SkyCity Auckland Community Trust is a valued part of the commitment SkyCity Auckland has made to the local community since its inception in 1996.

Established in accordance with SkyCity Auckland's casino venue license, the Trust has distributed **2,882 grants, totaling more than $67.55 million**, to charitable organisations, both large and small, that have contributed to Thriving Communities from the Far North through to the Bombay Hills.

The Trust has a Board of Trustees who make decisions on grant allocations and set the strategic priorities.

In 2026, the SkyCity Auckland Community Trust conducted a comprehensive review of its funding strategy and identified an opportunity to enhance the Trust's impact.

This approach supports kaupapa where the community determine its own needs, prioritising initiatives that are Rangatahi led.

Trustees are proud to support this enhanced funding framework, which aims to support partners to enable our Rangatahi to enact Mana Motuhake.



Our **Vision, Focus & Values**

Kitenga, aronga me ngā mātāpono

The vision for SkyCity Auckland Community Trust is:
Communities engaged and connected, enabling communities to thrive

Te Piko o te māhuri, tērā te tupu o te rākau.
The way in which the young sapling is nurtured, determines how the tree will grow

Mātāpono/Our values

Manaakitanga
We are open, accessible and connected

Mana Taurite
We provide equitable opportunities

Auahatanga
We encourage innovation and creativity

Kaitiakitanga
We are responsible in distributing funds to our communities

Mana Motuhake
Mana through self-determination

Whanaungatanga
We connect and partner

Our Funding

Ngā kete pūtea



The Trust prioritises Mana Motuhake and funding will be prioritised for projects where Rangatahi are leading and influencing solutions for the benefit of themselves, their whānau, and hapori, delivering one or more of the following outcomes

- Strengthening cultural diversity, social connection, a greater sense of belonging and inclusion
- Building knowledge and skills
- Influencing behaviours and attitudes

We define Rangatahi as those who are no longer in education through to the age of 34.

Ngā kete pūtea is intended to grow with your organisation from one fund to the next, please read more below about each funding stream.

He Hua

Applications may come from new or existing partners looking for a small one-off grant to give something a go, something new.

Due to the nature of our funding streams, priority will be given to those applications that can move along the streams of funding.



Pictured: Taonga Oranga Charitable Trust

Our Funding

He Kākano

For organisations that are new to SkyCity. These grants could be for an existing kauapapa that can demonstrate Rangatahi leading and/or influencing or a new kaupapa that requires start-up funding or a small grant.

These grants allow us to lay foundations for an ongoing relationship.



Pictured: New Zealand National Refugee Youth Council

Ka Tupu

Applicants will be existing partners invited to apply with kaupapa focused on the outcomes and priorities of the Trust.

These grants may be multiyear.

Organisations that can demonstrate collaboration with others will be a priority for these grants.



Pictured: Pacific Dance New Zealand

Ka Puāwai

Grants will be offered to existing partners by invitation only, where there is clear alignment to our vision.

These are likely to be multiyear and are committed to the flourishing of the kaupapa and the enduring relationship with SkyCity Auckland Community Trust.



Pictured: Te Māhuri o te Taiao



Area Of **Benefit**

SkyCity Auckland Community Trust accepts applications from charitable organisations providing benefit to those operating from the Far North through to the Bombay Hills.

In cases where projects are delivered nationally, the Trust may consider partial funding requests for aspects of the project benefiting those residing within the Trust area. You will be asked to demonstrate the programme of work being delivered in our area.

You will need to demonstrate the percentage of the programme delivered to the greater Auckland/ Northland area.

Our Exclusions

SkyCity Auckland Community Trust does not fund any of the following:

- Building projects or equipment
- Business or investment capital
- Mainstream health related services or supports
- Costs related to fundraising activities and organisations
- Individuals
- Loan and endowment funds
- Loan funding to retire debt
- Sport and recreational activities
- Pre-school, primary, intermediate, secondary, and tertiary providers
- Overseas travel
- Projects where the benefits are outside of the region of SkyCity Auckland Community Trust
- Retrospective activities
- Scholarships or sponsorships



Pictured: Dance Therapy NZ

Further information about SkyCity Auckland Community Trust funding can be found on our website:
https://skycityauckland.co.nz/about-us/community-trust/

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