

# **Climate Action Grants**

## **Summary information for applicants**

**2023/ 2024 funding round**

### **Introduction**

The Kāpiti Coast District Council Climate Action Grants (CAGs) aim to enable Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction initiatives, support community resilience activities, and help progress an equitable transition to low-carbon living on the Kāpiti Coast.

The Climate Action Grants aim to support mana whenua vision and priorities for the Kāpiti district, as outlined in the Councils' Long Term Plan 2021-2041. These priorities are:

- Kaitiakitanga – sustaining the environment and people
- Ūkaipōtānga – identity
- Whanaungatanga – connectedness
- Pūkengatanga – preserving, creating, teaching and knowledge
- Manaakitanga – supporting each other

For more information on the Councils' 2021-2041 LTP, click [here](#).

Funding for the Climate Action Grants comes from central government's Better Off Funding programme, which supports local government investment in the wellbeing of communities. There is no rates funding involved. There is \$100,000 available in the first funding round (applications close July 2023), and \$100,000 available in the second funding round (applications close in the 2024 financial year).

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### **About the Climate Action Grants**

In July 2021 the Council adopted the [Climate Emergency Action Framework](#). The central vision of this framework is a thriving, vibrant and strong Kāpiti that has reduced its carbon footprint significantly, has prepared for the challenges and opportunities that come from responding to the climate crisis, and has transitioned to a low carbon future.

For more information about GHGs, our national emissions profile, and the Kāpiti district emissions profile, click [here](#). For more information on ways in which the Council is taking action in response to climate change, click [here](#).

## Grant Objectives

The Climate Action Grants are for initiatives that will benefit the Kāpiti Coast in one or more of the following areas:

- enabling GHG emissions reduction
- helping to create a culture of climate change action
- supporting mana whenua vision and priorities
- improving resilience within local communities
- supporting an equitable transition to low carbon living

These objectives could be achieved through initiatives in multiple sectors, including but not limited to projects in education, transport, business, technology, agriculture/horticulture, nature conservation and restoration.

## Criteria

Preference for funding will be given to projects that meet the following criteria:

- the project aligns with the Grant Objectives, and;
- the project will continue to offer benefits to the Kāpiti District once Grant funding has been depleted, and;
- the project proposal demonstrates project benefits being accessible and relevant across multiple community demographics, and;
- the project proposal shows how success will be measured in relation to project aims and goals.

## Other considerations

As part of the Councils' commitment to and partnership with mana whenua, applications which incorporate or refer to te ao Māori concepts in some way are encouraged.

## Timeline

The following timelines apply for all CAG applications in the first funding round (applications close July 2023). Late applications will not be considered for funding.

<b>For applications of less than \$30,000</b>	
Monday 22nd May	<i>Opening of Climate Grant Applications</i>
11.59pm, Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Closing of all Climate Action Grant Applications</i>  <i>Acknowledgement of applications will be provided as applications are received</i>
8 August 2023  24 August 2023	<i>Funding recommendations considered by the Climate and Environment Subcommittee</i> <i>Funding allocation decisions made by the Strategy, Operations and Finance Committee</i>
By Monday 28 August 2023	<i>Applicants advised of decisions</i>
From Monday 28 August	<i>Successful applicants announced publicly.</i>

<b>For applications of \$30,000 or more</b>	
Monday 22nd May	<i>Opening of Expressions of Interest (EOIs)</i>
11.59pm, Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	<i>Closing of EOIs</i>
By Wednesday 7 June	<i>EOI submissions acknowledged by email</i>
By Wednesday 14 June	<i>EOI submitters advised whether to proceed with full application</i>
11.59pm, Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Closing of all Climate Action Grant Applications</i>  <i>Acknowledgement of reception of full application will be provided as applications are received</i>
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## How to apply

You can apply online or download an application form.

## Further application information

**Funds available:** A fund pool of \$100,000 is available through the Climate Action Grants in 2023/ 2024 (applications close July 2023).

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**Fund open to:** The Climate Action Grants are open to

- New projects or programmes based in the Kāpiti Coast
- Existing Kāpiti Coast based projects or programmes seeking to expand
- Existing national or international projects or programmes which could be established within the Kāpiti Coast

The Climate Action Grants are open to:

- iwi and hapū of the Kāpiti Coast
- neighbourhood groups of at least 10 households
- community groups
- organisations
- businesses of up to 30 employees
- educational institutions

<b>Criteria</b>	<p>Preference for funding will be given to projects which meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the project aligns with the Grant Objectives</li> <li>• the project will continue to offer benefits to the Kāpiti District once Grant funding has been depleted</li> <li>• the project proposal demonstrates equity in terms of project benefits being accessible and relevant across multiple community demographics</li> <li>• the project proposal shows how success will be measured in relation to project aims and goals.</li> </ul> <p>Further details and guidance can be found within the Climate Action Grant Criteria and Application Guidelines</p>
<b>Other considerations</b>	<p>As part of the Councils' commitment to and partnership with mana whenua, applications which incorporate or refer to te ao Māori concepts in some way are encouraged.</p>
<b>Council's commitment:</b>	<p>Kāpiti Coast District Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assess Grant applications in a transparent, fair and reasonable way</li> <li>• monitor the performance of the Climate Action Grant Fund on an ongoing basis</li> </ul> <p>The Strategy, Operations and Finance Committee is an elected panel of council members, iwi representatives and community board members who will convene and grant funds as per Council's Governance Structure and Delegations for the 2022-2025 Triennium (click <a href="#">here</a> for more information on this).</p>
<b>Notes:</b>	<p>There is no minimum amount per application. Each application will be assessed on its merits, on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Any application seeking \$30 000 or more should first submit an expression of interest (EOI) for approval before submitting a full application</p>
<b>Forms and guides:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Climate Action Grant Application Guidelines 2023/24 [PDF]</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Expressions of Interest Guidelines (for projects seeking funding of \$30 000 or more)</a></li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Climate Action Grant – online application</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Climate Action Grant – download application and print [PDF]</a></li> <li>• Expressions of Interest – online application</li> <li>• Expressions of Interest – download application and print (PDF)</li> </ul>