

Community and Business Development



To help lower future rates and keep services sustainable, Council is reviewing whether services should stay the same, change, be reduced or stop.

This activity supports community groups, businesses, organisations and individuals by helping them access funding, connect with the right people, and get projects underway. Council administers several grants from other organisations, including Creative Communities and Sport NZ, and coordinates the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme.

Some of this work is required under funding agreements with Government and other organisations. Other services, such as business support, community planning and Council-funded grants, are discretionary and could be provided at a different level.

Who benefits and how is it funded?

This activity mainly benefits community groups, volunteers, businesses and young people seeking employment. Council's contribution is funded through rates, while many of the grants and programmes it administers are funded by external organisations.

1. Should Council have a role in supporting community and business development?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

2. If **YES** do you think Council is providing the right level of community and business development services?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

3. Should Council continue to administer externally funded community grant programmes, such as Creative Communities and Sport NZ funding?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

4. Should Council continue to support the delivery of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

5. Should Council continue to provide local business liaison, coordination and support?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

6. Should Council continue helping community groups connect with funding, advice and other support?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

Pride of Place Fund

Council funds the Pride of Place Fund which helps community-led projects improve local places and supports community halls. The total amount of this fund is \$110,000 per year.

Of this, Council sets aside \$66,000 per year to support various community facilities or services that are particularly important, ensuring that funding cannot be used for other purposes.



- Community Halls \$10,000
- Christmas Parades (North and South) \$2,000
- Raetihi Information Centre \$15,000
- Te Kuiti Citizens Advice Bureau (services Taumarunui) \$500
- Trust Waikato Community Pool (Taumarunui High School) \$38,500

Council wants to know which of these are important to the community so that we can support the services that our communities rely on for the long-term. We are seeking feedback on these as they may not have the funding to operate without Council support.

7. Do you support Council funding the Pride of Place Fund for local place-making projects?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

8. Should Council include dedicated funding for any of the following, or should these be left as grants which are reviewed every one to three years?

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| • Community Halls | Yes ☐ | No ☐ | Unsure ☐ |
| • Christmas Parades (North and South) | Yes ☐ | No ☐ | Unsure ☐ |
| • Raetihi Information Centre | Yes ☐ | No ☐ | Unsure ☐ |
| • Te Kuiti Citizens Advice Bureau | Yes ☐ | No ☐ | Unsure ☐ |
| • Trust Waikato Community Pool (Taumarunui High School) | Yes ☐ | No ☐ | Unsure ☐ |

9. Do you have any other feedback about Community and Business Development?

10. Where do you live?

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| ☐ Taumarunui | ☐ Ohura | ☐ Ongarue |
| ☐ Owahango | ☐ Waimarino | ☐ Rangataua |
| ☐ Ohakune | ☐ Raetihi | ☐ Waionuru |
| ☐ Other | | |