

Pride of Place Grant Fund

In July/August we asked which services matter most, and where changes could be made, to help keep rates affordable. Your feedback has helped shape proposals to reduce service costs and the amount funded through rates.

This proposal includes potential savings and other details that may change your views.

Please tell us what you think.

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What we are proposing

Council is proposing to remove the contestable part of the Pride of Place grant fund, which is worth about \$44,000 each year at the moment.

Some community projects may still be able to get funding from charities, trusts or other organisations. However, some groups may find it harder to get funding if they no longer have a Council grant to help get their project started.

What we deliver

The Pride of Place Fund is a community grant fund. It helps local groups pay for projects that make Ruapehu a better place to live.

Council currently budgets \$110,000 each year for the fund. Of this, \$66,000 is already committed to specific organisations and community activities, leaving \$44,000 available each year for community groups to apply for through a contestable grant process.

Groups and Marae can apply for funding to improve community spaces, facilities and neighbourhood projects.

The Pride of Place Fund is not the only grant available to local groups. Council would continue to administer programmes such as Creative Communities and Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund grants, and community groups would still be able to apply for funding from organisations such as Lottery Grants, Trust Waikato and other charitable trusts.

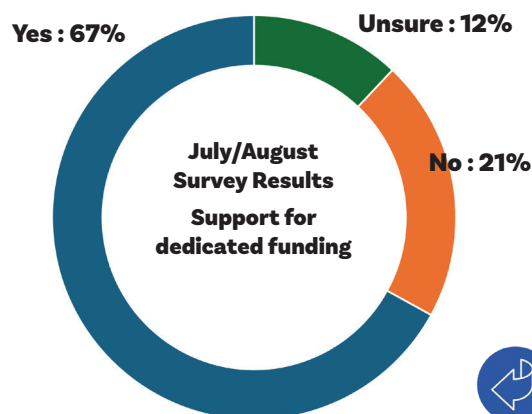
How does our level of service stack up?

Many councils provide grants to help community groups improve their towns and neighbourhoods. Ruapehu's Pride of Place Fund is Council's main grant programme for community-led projects.

What you told us

In the July/August survey we asked the community about the funding that is set aside for specific organisations, including halls and pools (there is a separate proposal question on Taumarunui halls in this consultation).

This proposal only looks at the contestable grant fund.



What you could save

Removing the contestable community grant fund would save approximately \$440,000 over the next 10 years.

- The choice is whether Council should continue providing community grants for local projects or use that money to help keep rates lower.

Questions

1. Should Council continue to provide the contestable part of the Pride of Place grant fund? (currently \$44,000 per annum) Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐
2. Where do you live?

☐ Taumarunui	☐ Ohura	☐ Ongarue	☐ Owhango	☐ Ohakune
☐ Waimarino	☐ Rangataua	☐ Raetihi	☐ Waiouru	☐ Other