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Part 2 Te Ara Urutau – Climate and Emergency Ready Fund: How to apply

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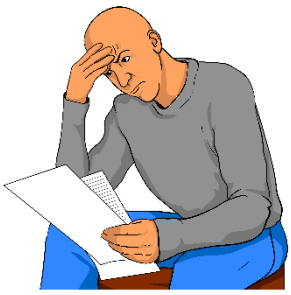

It can be hard for some people to read a document this long.

Some things you can do to make it easier are:

- read it a few pages at a time
- set aside some quiet time to look at it
- have someone read it with you to support you to understand it.

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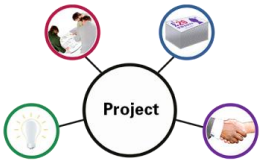

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About this Easy Read

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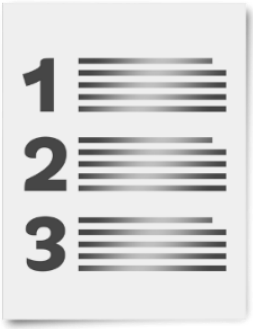


A **summary**:

- is shorter than the main document
- tells you the main ideas.

Council means the people who make choices about how to run a town / city.

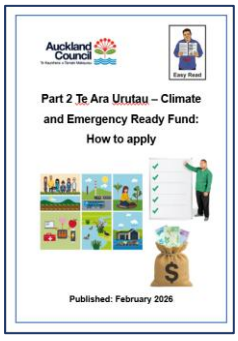
In this document Auckland Council Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau will be called **Auckland Council**.

When you see the words
we / us / our it means Auckland Council.

This is Part 2 of 2 Easy Reads about how we can support communities to be **resilient**.

Here **resilient** means being able to:

- plan for what to do:
    - if an **emergency** happens
    - to deal with the effects of **climate change**
- recover from an emergency after it happens.



Part 2 tells you how to apply / ask for a **grant** for your community projects.

Here an **emergency** is when something happens that puts people in danger like:

- an earthquake
- a fire
- a flood
- a tsunami
- a volcano if it erupts / bursts
- a very bad storm.

Climate change means big changes in the weather all over the world.

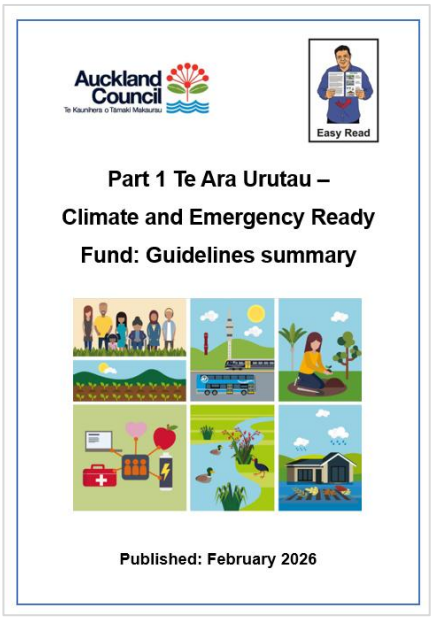
It can mean different things will happen in different places like:

- very bad flooding when storms happen
- very windy weather
- very hot weather
- it being harder to:
    - grow food
    - get clean water.

A **grant** is money to support:

- people to do something
- organisations to do something.

The Auckland Council has grants that people / organisations can ask for to support their communities to be resilient.



Part 1 is called **Part 1 Te Ara Urutau – Climate and Emergency Ready Fund: Guidelines summary.**

You should read Part 1 first.

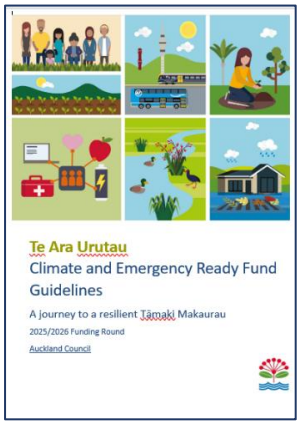
Part 1 tells you about:

- our grant programme
- what kinds of projects the grant progamme will fund

- how much money you may be able to get for your community project.

You can read Part 1 at this **website**:

aucklandclimateaction.nz/te-ara-urutau/



These 2 Easy Reads are a summary of the document called **Te Ara Urutau Climate and Emergency Ready Fund Guidelines**.

You can read the full guidelines at this **website**:

aucklandclimateaction.nz/te-ara-urutau/

Who can ask for these grants?

Groups that can ask for these grants are community groups like:

- **not-for-profit** organisations
- **charities**
- **voluntary** organisations
- **mana whenua** organisations
- Māori organisations.

Not-for-profit organisations put money they make back into the organisation to make it better.

Mana whenua are groups of Māori who have a right to say what happens to their land.

Charities are organisations that:

- support people
- have to follow some rules made by the Government
- do not make money for themselves.

Voluntary organisations:

- are run by groups who want to support people
- do not make money for themselves.

Here **voluntary** means the organisation:

- is run by people who do not get paid to do the work
- does important work to support people.

Other groups that can ask for these grants are:

- neighbourhood groups

- schools leading community projects

- business groups that are working to make their communities better

- **social enterprises** that do work to make things better for communities.

Here **social enterprises** are businesses that work to:

- make money

and

- support their community to do things.

About your project

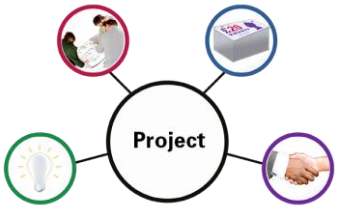
Applicants should tell us how their projects will be good for the:

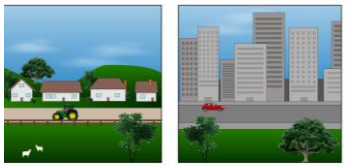
- community
- people
- places that are at a big risk of:
    - climate change
    - emergencies
- places needing to reduce their **greenhouse gas emissions**.

Here an **applicant** is the group asking for a grant.

Greenhouse gas emissions are:

- gases that make the air hot
- caused by people doing things like:
  - driving cars that use petrol
  - burning things like coal.





Important areas will be different for different:

- projects
- communities.

Important things to have in all projects are:

- working with different groups of people

- projects led by Māori that support:
    - mana whenua
    - mātāwaka / Māori groups.

Things you cannot use a grant for

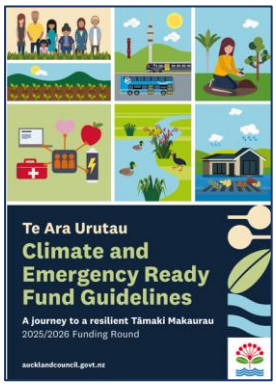
There are some things you are not allowed to use grant money for in your project.

You cannot use grant money to pay for:

- **legal** expenses like paying a lawyer to do something
- medical expenses like paying to go to your doctor
- projects that mainly support communities not in Auckland.

Legal means things to do with the **law**.

A **law** is a rule made by the Government that everyone must follow.

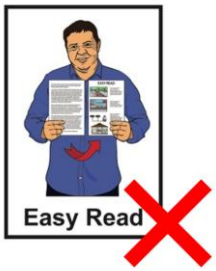


You can find out more information in **Te Ara Urutau Climate and Emergency Ready Fund Guidelines** at this **website**:

https://tinyurl.com/TAU-Guidelines

You can find out the answers to questions applicants ask a lot at this **website**:

https://tinyurl.com/urutau-faqs



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You can also **email** us if you have any questions at:

funding@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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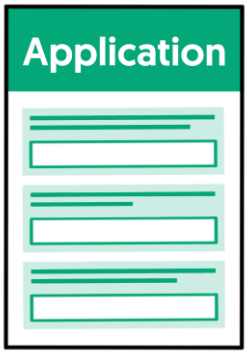


You will need to fill in an application form.

You will find the application form on our website from:

- 2 February 2026

to

- 8 March 2026.

The application form is on this website:

https://tinyurl.com/AkIdClimateAction

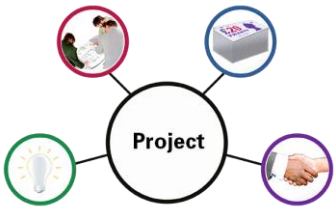
The application form:

- asks for information we need to know to help us make a decision

- will support us to decide who will get a grant to do their project.

The application form asks about your:

- organisation
- community



- project.

Important information

There is support for applicants.

Contact the Auckland Council for support by **emailing** us at:

funding@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

We need to get your application for a grant by 8 March 2026.

We will make decisions about who will get grants by the end of May 2026 at the latest.

Applicants who get a grant will have to sign a **funding agreement**.

A **funding agreement** sets out the rules about how the grant money can be used on your project.

Signing of the funding agreements will start about 1 July 2026.

Assessment and funding decisions

Here **assessment** is looking at the grant applications to decide if the money should be given to support the projects.

Council staff will:

- assess the grant applications
- make **recommendations** about who should get grants.

Here **recommendations** will say which groups we think should get a grant to do their work.

Things we will think about when making our decisions are if:

- the project is a good match for a project category

- the project will work
- Māori projects are supported by:
    - Māori leaders
    - working with Māori

- the project will:
    - make a difference to the community
    - work with people in the community for the community.

Other things we will think about when making our decisions are:

- if **risks** have been:
    - found
    - **reduced**

- how the project:
    - will make an **impact**
    - will reach / work for as many people as possible
    - is doing something for the community that is not being done yet.

A **risk** is something that could go wrong.

Reduce is to:

- make something smaller
- do something less.

Here an **impact** is the effect the project will have on the community.

We will tell applicants if they have got a grant by:

- phone

  or

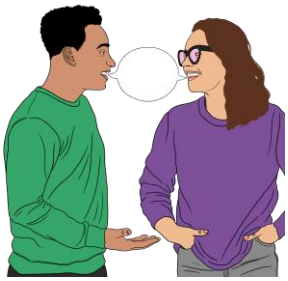
- email.

Reporting

Here **reporting** is telling us about how the project / work supported by our grant went.

Reporting helps us to:

- learn about your project
- share great stories of community action / work on:
    - emergency planning
    - climate change



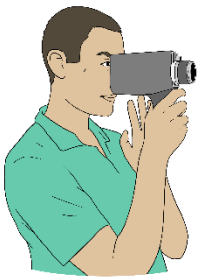
- understand how well the grant money has been used.

The reporting will be agreed to in the funding agreement.

We will work with you to find a way of reporting that:

- works for you
- tells the story of your work
- tells us the things that went well.

There will be different ways to report to us like by:



- written reports
- videos
- **case studies**
- presentations
- maps.

Here **case studies** are real life stories about what happened when you were doing the work in the project.

Reporting can also be done in more than 1 way.

More information

Contact us if you:

- have questions about the grant programme
- need assistance.

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