

Regional Arts & Culture Grants

Auckland Funded Projects 2024-2025 Round two

The Regional Arts and Culture grants programme is designed to enable organisations, communities and artists to deliver arts and culture projects and activities across the Auckland region. Grants delivered through this programme support the implementation of Toi Whītiki, Auckland's Arts and Culture Strategic Action Plan.

Following consultation with staff and external arts sector professionals based on the arts and culture assessment matrix criteria, a total of \$320,429 was granted: \$217,000 to fifteen audience development and programming grants; \$68,429 to six business and capacity project grants and \$35,000 to one returning strategic relationship grants.

The Regional Arts and Culture Grants Programme budget is allocated under the following three categories:

Audience development and programming project grants: These grants support the delivery of a wide range of high-quality arts and cultural experiences that would not otherwise be economically viable. These projects should be capable of attracting audiences from across the Auckland region.

Business and capacity development project grants: These grants are intended to increase the professionalism and build the sustainability of regional arts and culture organisations through the development of strategic, business and marketing plans; feasibility studies; organisational development and digital/web development activities.

Strategic relationship grants: These grants are single or multi-year funding relationships with a small number of strategic organisations operating at the regional level. These organisations are or are capable of becoming the 'cornerstones' of a thriving arts and culture sector in Auckland.

| Organisation | Activity | Funding Allocation |
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| Audience development and programming | | |
| Black Grace Trust | Company B season | \$20,000 |
| Atamira Dance Company | Hononga (new work) | \$20,000 |
| Te Pou Theatre | Kua Rewa Te Aihikirīmi! (The Ice Cream Is Melting!) Tāmaki kura kaupapa Māori and kura auraki tour | \$15,000 |
| Action Education Incorporated | WORD - The Front Line 2025 | \$20,000 |
| Glass Ceiling Arts Collective | Ahi - After Mahuika Multisensory Theatre Production | \$20,000 |
| Ngā Rangatahi Toa Creative Arts Initiative | Manawa Ora:Manaaki | \$20,000 |
| Choirs Aotearoa New Zealand Trust | National Choirs performance and engagement work in Auckland 2025 | \$18,000 |

| Indian Ink Theatre Company | 'The Kabuliwallah' development season at TAPAC, The Auckland Performing Arts Centre | \$15,000 |
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| Crescendo Trust | Youth Music Mentoring Programmes - Term 2 2025 | \$5,000 |
| Auckland Writers Festival Waituhi o Tāmaki | Auckland Writers Festival Waituhi o Tāmaki | \$10,000 |
| Festival of Live Art | Festival of Live Art | \$10,000 |
| Nightsong | MR RED LIGHT Presentation: Herald Theatre, Aotea Centre, Auckland Central | \$15,000 |
| Red Leap Theatre | Wrest (new work) | \$14,000 |
| Black Creatives Aotearoa | Remount of Po' Boys n Oysters by Estelle Chout | \$10,000 |
| Bach Musica New Zealand Incorporated | Bach Musica New Zealand concert on 21st September 2025 in the Auckland Town Hall | \$5,000 |
| Total | | \$217,000 |
| Business capacity and develo | oment | |
| Te Pou Theatre | Human Resources framework review and support | \$15,000 |
| Youth Arts New Zealand | Te Kāhui Creative Writing – Financial Development and Kaupapa Strategy | \$20,000 |
| Objectspace | Objectspace 3.0: Developing a robust Business Case and defining a project budget | \$10,000 |
| Festival of Live Art | Festival of Live Art website redevelopment. | \$9,429 |
| Show Me Shorts Film Festival Trust | Show Me Shorts Digital Upgrade Project | \$9,000 |
| Publishers Association of New Zealand | New PANZ strategic plan | \$5,000 |
| Total | | \$68,429 |
| Strategic relationship grants | | |
| Manukau Orchestral Society | Provide high quality, engaging orchestral concerts and development for artists from throughout the region | \$35,000 per annum for three years |
| Total | | \$35,000 |
| TOTAL RECOMMENDED | | \$320,429 |