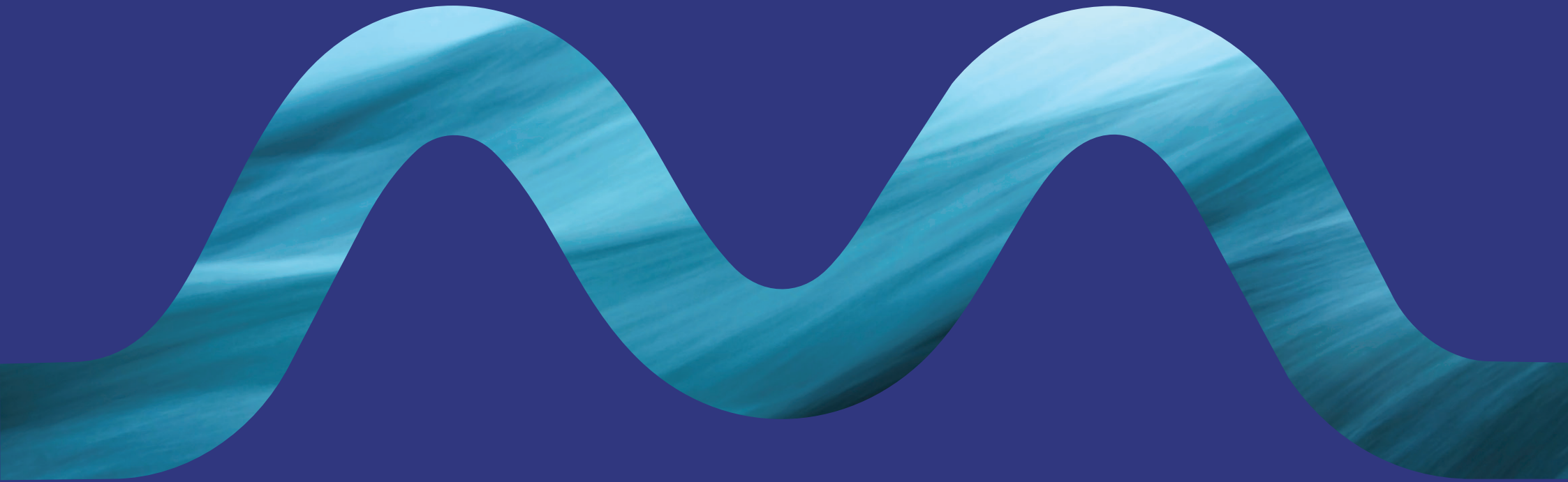


Annual Distribution Plan 2026/2027



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Who we are

Manawa Trust, previously TECT Community Trust, is an independent community trust investing in the people, places and possibilities that help the Western Bay of Plenty thrive, today and for generations to come.

Our purpose is to help the Western Bay of Plenty thrive by protecting and growing our community fund, enabling opportunity and investing for future generations.

We envision a thriving, caring and connected community where we responsibly manage our investments and effectively distribute funds for the long term benefit of our community.

Our funding approach is inclusive of all communities, and we prioritise support for those experiencing the highest need, as well as enabling future transformational projects which benefit everyone in our community.

In the 2025/2026 financial year, we granted \$26.3M to 220 community groups and initiatives.

Manawa Trustees are elected by the community, and each serve a four year term. Every two years, three trustees retire and an election is held. The next election will be held in 2026.

Our work is guided by our Granting Strategy which includes five strategic focus areas and five funds that allow us to strengthen communities to shape a better future.

Our Strategic Focus Areas



Built Environment

We will invest in local and regional amenities and facilities that support community connectedness, increase access to opportunities to participate in community activities and enhance the wellbeing and vibrancy of our communities.

We will actively work with Councils in our region to support the development of amenities and facilities, as well as funding community-led projects.



Community Wellbeing & Vibrancy

We want Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty to be vibrant places where people, families and communities thrive.

To support this, we will fund initiatives that promote social connection, inclusion and belonging, support whānau and community resilience, safety and wellbeing, enable participation in community activities, arts, culture, sports, recreation, build skills and provide opportunities for learning, and strengthening the impact and sustainability of community organisations.



Natural Environment

We will invest in the protection and regeneration of our region's natural environment and biodiversity, and support initiatives that address the implications of climate change.

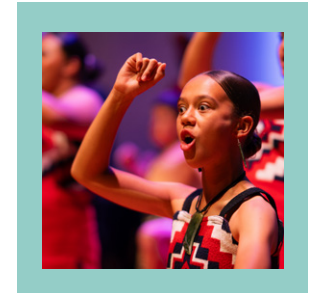
We will prioritise initiatives that achieve large scale transformational impact, bringing diverse stakeholders together and blending contemporary science with local knowledge, including mātauranga Māori, and are community-led and help to build community care of and connection with our environment.



Housing

We believe everyone in our region should have access to warm, healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate housing.

To support this, we are focused on investing in initiatives that are community-led, and increase access to warm, healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate housing for communities experiencing the greatest barriers to secure housing.



Priority Communities

We will provide support to the communities in our region experiencing highest needs.

Our focus is on achieving outcomes for Māori, diverse ethnic communities, children and young people, and older people experiencing disadvantage.

We will fund initiatives that increase access to opportunities for priority communities to lead their own solutions, are strengths-based and enable community ambitions; and incorporate cultural knowledge or other practices relevant to priority communities.

Our Funds

Responsive Funds



Community Development Fund

The Community Development Fund supports projects and initiatives that contribute to Tauranga and Western Bay to be a vibrant region where people, families and communities thrive.

To support this, we will fund organisations that make a positive impact on our local communities across a range of sectors including arts, culture and heritage, education, environment, health and social services, youth development, iwi and marae, and sport and recreation.



Community Events Fund

The Community Events Fund aims to support community events held in the Tauranga or Western Bay of Plenty region that provide social and economic benefits to the community.

Manawa Trust wishes to support a wide and varied portfolio of events and encourage event organisers to achieve and maintain events of exceptional quality.



Community Facilities Fund

The Community Facilities Fund supports the development of facilities in the Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty region that provide benefits for current and future generations.

Funding will generally be directed towards the build of a permanent new facility or a significant upgrade of an existing facility. It may also include the purchase of an existing facility.

Strategic Funds (Invite Only)



Catalyst for Change Fund

The intention of the Catalyst for Change Fund is to create significant positive change through support of innovative projects and practices.

The need in the community will be identified through community consultation and research (e.g. Vital Signs).

A key aspect of this Fund is that Manawa Trust will be committed to continually building relationships with other key stakeholders (including other funders).



Facilities of Regional Significance Fund

Manawa Trust is interested in being a pro-active, collaborator in funding significant projects which will create a direct positive impact on the economic and social wellbeing of Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty region.

Projects may be significant in size/nature and will likely have intergenerational benefit, wide impact through improving social cohesion, enhancing community participation or are regionally significant.

Funding Framework

The grants budget is distributed across five funds in accordance with our funding framework, as shown below.

	Percentages
Responsive Funds	40%
Community Facilities	15%
Community Events	5%
Community Development	20%
Strategic Funds (Invite only)	60%
Facilities of Regional Significance	45%
Catalyst for Change	15%

A minimum level of funding will be available each year in the Responsive Funds. These are:

- Community Facilities \$4M
- Community Events \$1.2M
- Community Development \$5M

Annual Distribution Plan

Manawa Trust has confirmed a total grants budget of \$39,323,714 for the year ending 31 March 2027.

These funds will be distributed through our grants programme to support and benefit the local community. The allocations across our five funds are set out below:

Confirmed Plan

	Current Year ending 31 March 2027	Previous Year
Community Facilities	\$5,898,557	\$4,000,000
Community Events	\$1,966,186	\$1,200,000
Community Development	\$7,864,743	\$5,000,000
Facilities of Regional Significance	\$17,695,671	\$6,530,000
Catalyst for Change	\$5,898,557	\$1,400,000
Total Allocations	\$39,323,714	\$18,130,000

Our Grants Programme

Responsive Funds		
	Community Facilities	
	Unused funds from last year	\$253,219
	Allocated funds for this year	\$5,898,557
	Total funds available	\$6,151,776
	Community Events	
	Unused funds from last year	\$105,711
	Allocated funds for this year	\$1,966,186
	Total funds available	\$2,071,897
	Community Development	
	Unused funds from last year	\$239,103
	Allocated funds for this year	\$7,864,743
	Total funds available	\$8,103,846
Strategic Funds (Invite only)		
	Facilities of Regional Significance	
	Unused funds from last year	\$929,691
	Allocated funds for this year	\$17,695,671
	Total funds available	\$18,625,362
	Catalyst for Change	
	Unused funds from last year	\$854,908
	Allocated funds for this year	\$5,898,557
	Total funds available	\$6,753,465