



Small Townships Programme “Love Where You Live”

The Marlborough District Council has funding to provide an integrated planning and design process for improving public amenities in small townships. The Council will work closely with the community to identify, prioritise and deliver projects that meet the following objectives:

Objectives

The purpose of this programme is to:

- Design a livable town with an attractive central space
- Allow freedom of movement, connectivity and accessibility
- Strengthen a sense of place and unique identity
- Enhance the use, enjoyment and pride in outdoor public spaces

Small Townships Programme

Township Plan:

Using the Smart and Connected framework, Council will link the aspirations of communities with good outdoor public space design. These will come together in a Township Plan for each community to create the kind of place where people want to live, work and play. Small, easy to achieve projects will be implemented as soon as possible through Stage One. The planning and delivery of Stage Two of the Plan is likely to take around two to three years to complete.

The eligible towns that are currently on the Growing Marlborough Strategy list are: Anakiwa/ Tirimoana, Canvastown/Wakamarina Valley, Grovetown, Havelock, Linkwater/the Grove, Momorangi Bay, Ngakuta Bay, Ohingaroa Bay, Okiwi Bay, Rai Valley Township, Rarangi, Renwick, Seddon, Spring Creek, Tuamarina, Wairau Valley and Ward.

Work has started on developing a Township Plan for Renwick, Havelock, Wairau Valley, Spring Creek, Ward and recently Canvastown. As the programme continues new communities will be brought into the process each year as the current ones are completed.

Community Projects Fund

Around \$50,000 per year is available for small, low cost infrastructure projects on outdoor public spaces. Any organisation or group that represents a small township or community in Marlborough can apply. This does not include Blenheim and Picton/Waikawa whose projects are funded differently, or townships that are on the Small Townships Programme. In 2019 these towns are Canvastown, Havelock, Renwick, Wairau Valley, Spring Creek and Ward.

The fund will be open from December to March each year and the Council will consider projects up to \$10,000. A decision on funding will be made in April. More information on how to apply is available at www.marlborough.govt.nz.

The Township Plan Steps

STEPS	DESCRIPTION
PLANNING	Council will meet with local groups to identify and discuss possible projects from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing Marlborough Strategy projects • Local community projects • Upcoming council projects
	Council and the community will agree on a partnership approach for implementing Stage One of the Township Plan and the level of community involvement in Stage Two
STAGE ONE (QUICK WIN PROJECTS)	Council will produce a list of easy to achieve projects that meet the Small Townships Programme objectives and are supported by the community
	Council will scope the identified projects to assess their viability, cost and if they meet the Small Townships Programme criteria
	The project list will be prioritised in partnership with the community
	Council will decide on funding and delivery of suitable projects
	Council will implement the approved projects in conjunction with the community and other Council departments as required
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (OPTIONS)	Council and local groups or individuals will agree on a process for how Council will work with the community to develop Stage Two of the Township Plan. Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with local school children identifying their aspirations for the town • Organising an informal community workshop to find out what people value about their town, what features define their identity and sense of place, what works well and what areas could be improved • Organising a workshop with interested members of the community to develop and prioritise key projects and investigate implementation options • Working with the key community groups to prioritise key projects and develop concept designs before presenting to the wider community
STAGE TWO (COMPREHENSIVE PLAN)	Council will draft a Township Plan for each town including an overall outdoor public space design, a list of potential projects and concept plans for two to three key projects as identified by the community
	Council will scope all projects to assess their viability, check whether they meet the Small Townships Programme criteria and assess funding options
	The project list will be prioritised in partnership with the community
	Projects that don't meet the Small Townships Programme criteria will be referred to other possible sources of funding within Council, other organisations or the community
	Council will decide on funding and delivery of suitable projects
	Council will implement the Township Plan in conjunction with the community and other Council departments as required

More information available at: [www.marlborough.govt.nz/Our-Community/Small Townships Programme](http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Our-Community/Small-Townships-Programme)

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