

Creative Communities Scheme

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY

Successful Applications • March 2026

Creative Communities Scheme • Western Bay			
Applicant	Project Title	Brief Summary	\$ Allocated
Chantelle Cobby	In Our Twenties	Online creative writing workshops and 1:1 mentoring programme for wāhine aged 20-29. Funding for one Western Bay participant as part of a nationwide creative development, storytelling and empowerment project.	\$266
Hēmi Stewart	Waharoa for Te Puke Intermediate School - Stage 1 of 2	To carve and install the amo components of the waharoa, providing a culturally significant entrance way to Te Puke Intermediate School. Consultation, design and supporting posts comprise Stage 1.	\$4,000
Kathryn Sanders	Athenree Toilets Mural	To design and create a vibrant public mural on the Athenree public toilet block to enhance the environment and reflect the local community.	\$4,000
Live Well Waihi Beach	Mural for Accessible Changing Facility	To commission a mural for the new accessible changing facility at Waihi Beach to create a joyful, colourful and calming environment for users with neurodivergent issues.	\$2,130
Mokopuna Inc	Raranga Beginner Workshops	To facilitate a series of five beginner workshops for people to learn the basics of raranga / flax weaving.	\$2,000
Public Art Ōmokoroa	Symposium at the Point	To facilitate a live sculpture symposium over 10 days involving leading NZ sculptors. CCS funding sought for the education programme 'Learner Zone'.	\$4,090
The Old Library Omokoroa - TOLO	Matariki 2026 Exhibition	To curate an exhibition of contemporary toi Māori anchored by renowned artist Darcy Nicholas, alongside other local artists.	\$2,350
Tuatara Collective	For the Fallen 2026	To facilitate a six day theatre wānanga for rangatahi investigating and imagining conversations with young people of yesterday who went to war, culminating in theatre performances [two in Western Bay].	\$3,500
Western Bay Heritage Trust	Toki - The Edge of Tradition Exhibition	To facilitate live demonstrations and interactive aspects of an exhibition at Western Bay Museum that will explore the significance of traditional Māori toki [adze].	\$3,800
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION			\$26,136