

Creative Communities Scheme

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY

Successful Applications • September 2026

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Applicant	Project Title	Brief Summary	\$ Allocated
Creative Te Puke Forum	School Mural Project 2027	Students from 12 local schools create a mural that reflects their school on plywood, which are then displayed around Te Puke.	\$2,312
Kaimai School	Kaimai School Community Mural	Collaborate with Murals by Millie to design and create an outdoor wall mural that reflects the school, community and their values.	\$2,000
Katch Katikati	Jazz in the Bay 2027	Facilitate a one day community jazz trail across local establishments from Katikati to Wāihi Beach, including creative activities for young people.	\$3,800
Māka Annandale	Mana Ki Takatāpui, Mana Ki Tauranga Moana	To host a noho marae for takatāpui, by takatāpui, creating a safe space to connect through mahi toi, waiata, tikanga and whakawhanaungatanga.	\$2,950
Pirirākau Tribal Authority	Wai Huri Cultural Identity Kōwhaiwhai Project	A Pirirākau artist will lead 15 local primary school students in designing and painting three kōwhaiwhai panels for the Wai Huri Cultural Centre ceiling, exploring whakapapa and connection as mana whenua.	\$4,000
Summer Shakespeare Tauranga Trust	A Midsummer Night's Dream, produced by SSTT	Deliver an outdoor theatrical performance of Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream over 10 nights at the Te Puna Quarry Park amphitheatre.	\$4,000
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o te Matai on behalf of Te Puke Principals Group	Te Karanga o Te Rangatahi	The facilitate a kapa haka festival for kura and kōhanga reo strengthening and celebrating cultural narratives, histories and identities of the rohe.	\$1,847
Wāihi Beach Community Events & Promotions	Wāihi Beach Christmas in the Village	Deliver a free, village-wide community celebration held on the main street with a community shared table, live entertainment and creative workshops.	\$1,704
Yellow Eye	Davey's Backyard Skiffle Band Workshops and Shows	Host four workshops for small groups in primary schools as part of Tauranga Arts Festival, followed by a show by participants at Fringe Festival.	\$4,042
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION			\$26,655