



At the completion of a project that received community funding, recipients are required, as stated in the Community Grant Policy, to submit a Project Report to the Community Board. Project Reports are to be received no later than two months after the completion of the project or if the activity is ongoing, within two months of the funding being spent.

Applicants who fail to provide a project report within the required time will not be considered for future funding.

Please return the completed form to: funding@fndc.govt.nz PDF attachment via email is preferred) OR:

Funding Advisor
Far North District Council Private
Bag 752
KAIKOHE 0440

Name of organisation: **South Hokianga Growers Market** _____

Name & location of project: **Freese Park Omapere** _____

Date of project/activity: **19/11/2023 on-going Project**

Which Community Board did you receive funding from?

Te Hiku

Kaikohe-Hokianga

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa

Amount received from the Community Fund: **\$1670** _____

Board meeting date the grant was approved: **3rd October 2023** _____

Please give details of how the money was spent:

- **Your contribution to the project and the funding you received from the Community Board must be accounted for**
- **Attach supplier receipts or bank statements to show proof of expenditure of Community Board funds.**

Supplier/Description	\$amount	Receipt/s attached (please)
Keri Print	\$ 1224.75	
Hardcase Pillowcase Co	\$445.00	
Total:	\$1669.75	



Give a brief description of the highlights of your project including numbers participating:

The Growers Market has now been running for more than a year since its conception in mid November 2023, having a short break for 2 months over the winter during 2024. The Market is significantly frequented by locals every fortnight - regularly purchasing fresh kai, and providing a meeting gathering place to connect with community members. The Market also provides an opportunity for stallholders and the community to network amongst themselves, whilst enjoying the social aspect that the Market provides.

We also have a significant influx of visitors to the market during the summer months with returning families and holiday makers.

Highlights have been witnessing the Market grow over the past year into a thriving vibrant event - with 20 stalls at its peak in December and an estimate of over 50-60 people attending each fortnight.

Seeing people go into business.

Watching the neighbourhood building grow in a cohesive way.

Describe the main findings in your evaluation of the project/event; describe how your project/event benefited the community:

Findings:

The Growers talk about gardening techniques, swapping stories. sharing hot tips and learnings. They are forming a Growers Community.

People catch up with friends, spend time and meet and talk with community.

There was an obvious need for the Market - stalls have grown from 5 to 20.

Many locals regularly provide feedback to us - saying they love the market - what a great thing to have for community.

Benefits:

It has provided an outlet for people to make food products and create their ideas to sell.

2 people have since developed a small business by testing the Growers Market first.

Has provided changes to the way people shop; more locally and seasonally, providing awareness for where food comes from and has inspires locals to grow their own kai.

Cheaper to shop local - then drive to bigger towns.

Provides a fortnightly income for some growers, taking things a bit more seriously.

Freese Park - is being used more, the location is magic, provides a nice space for community to come and sit-down meet and talk.

Many Kuia and Kaumatua whom live locally also attend the Markets not only for the social aspect but also to be able to purchase fresh homegrown local kai.

Please provide details and attach or email photos and/or any marketing collateral that was produced for your event/project acknowledging the Community Board:



Please see photos attached, and link to FACEBOOK page below

If you have a Facebook page that we can link to please give details:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550331489947>

This report was completed by:

