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2026 GCNZ Awards

Categories

There arethree main categories.
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Eligible organisations may submit more than one entry in each category.

1. Best Project (Community and School Members)
2. Best Project (Local Government Members)
3. Best Commercially Focused Project (All Members)

Finalists in each category who are not winners or runners-up are eligible to submit the same entry again in the immediate subsequent year. Finalists will be notified of their eligibility under this clause.

Copies and Formats Required

- Completed application form to be included.
- An electronic copy (in PDF format) is required.
- Email to admin@globalcities.org.nz is preferred.
- Or, a secure location to upload the file can be provided - please email admin@globalcities.org.nz to request this.

Eligibility and Closing Date

Eligibility

Entry is open to financial members of Global Cities New Zealand.

Important Dates

Applications open: 1 August 2026

Applications close 21 August 2026

JUDGING

- Judges will be selected from the board of directors of GCNZ.
- Judges reserve the right to move entries into a different category than the one entered by the submitter if the Board believes it is a better fit in that category.
- Entry presentation, including a clear and concise description of the project, will be a consideration in judging.

AWARDS

The GCNZ awards will be announced at the Awards Dinner to be held in September at the Annual Conference.

APPRECIATION

The Board of Global Cities New Zealand (Inc) appreciates the generous and practical support for the Awards by Air New Zealand.

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More Information

Best Project (Community & School Members)

This category is for:

- Projects initiated by community members. It is for all initiatives other than projects with a commercial focus. For example, cultural, sport, recreation, education, tourism, art etc.

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- Projects initiated by schools. It is for all initiatives other than projects with a commercial focus. For example, cultural, sport, recreation, education, tourism, art etc.

Community Committees who work collaboratively with their local council may be eligible for this award. The GCNZ Board will consider the relationship of the committee to their council and who they are resourced by. The GCNZ Board retains the right to decide whether a committee falls under the community category or Local Government category. You may apply for both.

Best Project (Local Government Members)

This category is for Local Government members. It is for all initiatives other than projects with a commercial focus. For example, cultural, sport, recreation, education, tourism, art etc.

Best Commercially-focussed Project (All Members)

This category is open to all members. It is to recognise initiatives that have had a positive economic / commercial impact.