



Kāinga Housing



Why it's a proposed priority

Finding a home that's affordable, accessible, and right for residents' needs is already a challenge for many in Kāpiti.

Our population is growing and it is anticipated that we'll need around 10,000 new homes by 2050, which gives us a real opportunity to create more housing choice.

But it's not just about building more homes - it's about the type of homes and making sure they're in the right places, supported by the right infrastructure, and shaped around local needs.

The pressure is already clear. As of 31 March 2026, Kāpiti had the highest average Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant amount in the Wellington Region: \$4,300 per person.

We also have a growing older population, with increasing need for homes that are affordable, accessible, and where they feel at home.

Our role

Under legislation, Council's role in housing is to plan for growth, set planning requirements for local development, help enable well-designed housing, support housing partnerships, and make sure the right infrastructure is in place - while advocating for housing that meets local needs.



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Actions to shift the dial

- Keep implementing the Housing Strategy and refresh it if needed
- Support Community Housing Providers and partners to progress social and community housing projects
- Explore more affordable and effective ways to deliver older persons housing
- Look at options for the Housing Trust to help deliver more affordable housing, including opportunities for external funding and inclusionary zoning
- Work with developers and investors to support good growth and reflect Vision Kāpiti aspirations
- Investigate how Kāpiti's high growth planning status is supporting local housing needs
- Advocate for better social housing outcomes and support mana whenua housing aspirations, including papakāinga
- Balance land use, consent decisions, and infrastructure investment so new housing supports growth while protecting local character.

How we'll know

These are our proposed measures of success:

- Housing pipeline is maintained, addressing housing need
- Housing developments are well planned and enabled by infrastructure, and data confirming need.

Learn more about our role in housing and how we're working with our partners and communities to implement our housing strategy.

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