

Community Board Discretionary Fund

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| TO | Tairua-Pauanui Community Board |
| FROM | Lorna Price - Community Coordinator Tairua-Pauanui |
| DATE | 20 August 2015 |
| SUBJECT | Community Board Discretionary Fund |

1 Purpose of Report

To consider an application from the Tairua Information and Community Services Society Inc (**Attachment A**) for a portion of the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board's 2015/2016 discretionary fund for rent relief.

2 Background

In 2008 the practice was for a funding pool to be set aside by Council to fund Information Centres. The lease and rental costs for premises were paid from this fund and the remainder of the funding pool was divided amongst the six information centres determined by the formula.

Shortly after this a formula was negotiated basing the division on such things as door counter numbers, local populations and traffic flows. Lease and rental costs were to be paid by each centre out of their share of the total grant determined by the new formula. This arrangement favoured those centres owning their own premises, or those in Council owned premises with minimal rentals.

The Tairua Information and Community Services Society Inc see a grant from the discretionary fund putting them on a level playing field with the other information centres on the peninsula. This would then allow them to devote more time and energy into pursuing possible options for alternate premises and increased self-sustainability, being the only information centre operating from commercial premises.

3 Issue

The Tairua Information and Community Services Society Inc has recently negotiated a 2 year extension to their lease at the current figure and are seeking funding assistance for rent relief from the Community Board's discretionary fund.

4 Discussion

To confirm funding of \$6,000 from the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Discretionary Fund for rent relief of the commercial rent paid by the Tairua Information and Community Services Society Inc.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Receives the report.
2. Allocates an amount of \$6,000 from its 2015/16 discretionary fund of \$20,000 for rent relief for the Tairua Information and Community Services Society Inc.
3. Requests that the Tairua Information and Community Services Society Inc. completes an Expenditure Declaration (once the funds have been expended) confirming that the funds allocated have been used for the purpose for which they were approved.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Application from the Tairua Information and Community Services Society Inc. for funding from the Discretionary Fund*

[Attachment A - Application to Discretionary Fund](#)

Attachment A