

2015-2016 Community Grants

TO	Tairua-Pauanui Community Board
FROM	Lorna Price - Community Coordinator Tairua-Pauanui
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SUBJECT	2015-2016 Community Grants

1 Purpose of Report

To consider the allocation of Community Grant funding to organisations who have applied for funding assistance through the 2015-2016 Community Grant round, to the amount specified in Year 1 (2015/2016) of the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

2 Background

- Local community organisations are invited annually to apply for financial assistance to undertake projects of benefit to the community. Community Grants are budgeted for in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan each year and community groups must comply with the set criteria to be eligible for a community grant.
- Each Community Board follows a procedure for assessing and allocating the Community Grant funds with a final decision determining the allocation at an Ordinary meeting of the Board.
- Staff assess each application on whether it meets the Community Grant criteria, has provided a budget for the 2015-2016 year and financial statements for the previous year.
- The Tairua-Pauanui Community Board has a contestable fund of \$37,000 available for allocation to community groups for the 2015/2016 financial year as per the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.
- Council has a responsibility of ensuring that all public money granted to third parties is used for its intended purpose. To help Council achieve this goal, organisations applying for funding will be required to meet certain criteria and provide proof of expenditure at the completion of the expenditure.

3 Issue

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4 Discussion

Community Grants are guided by Council's Community Grants Policy. This policy covers a broad range of funding mechanisms Council can use to support community groups. The policy informs the Community Grant guidelines used to assess applications received from community groups.

1. The following is the Policy Statement from the Community Grants Policy:
To make a general contribution to a qualifying organisation in order to further the identifiable goals and objectives of Council.

In support of this statement the Council recognises that:

- *The grant is intended to support general objectives rather than any particular identified output. The benefits sought include lower administrative or compliance costs for the Council and for the funded organisation compared with the costs of administering formal contracts.*
- *The Council wishes to provide flexibility for the organisation to experiment with new initiatives and perhaps carry out advocacy work.*
- *The Council does not need a high level of control as the financial and outcome risks are low.*
- *Outputs are difficult to specify but the Council recognises that the activity has a particular value to the community and helps meet Council objectives.*
- *The funding is one-off, noting that the grant may be repeated on a regular basis, depending on Council being satisfied of the value delivered.*
- *The grant is a contribution only, not a fee for a service.*

1. That the following operational policy shall apply to all applicants seeking community grants from Community Boards:

- *Assistance will only be available for locally recognised organisations within the Thames-Coromandel district whose principal functions and/or activities are of a charitable (not-for-profit) nature.*
- *Preference will be given, but not limited to, organisations that are registered as an Incorporated Society to qualify for Community Grant funding.*
- *Applications will be considered on merit, benefit to the community, contribution to the achievement of Council Outcomes, and/or contribution to the achievement of Community Board priorities and total cost of the project, event or funding request and proportion of funding requested as a % of total cost.*
- *Where a grant is for an event, the event criteria also applies.*
 - *Only one grant per organisation, per event, will be available in any financial year.*
 - *Consideration to be given to the viability of the event as a whole and fundraising efforts shown.*
- *Financial assistance will only be available for a specific project or for the maintenance of a facility, which is of benefit to the community. Community Grants **are not** for the payment of wages/honorariums or usual operational expenditure.*
- *Evidence of other fund raising undertaken and commitment of reasonable percentage of own funds to the project or initiative must be provided.*
- *Community grants can be used to cover Council-related expense (for example, hall hire).*
- *The responsibility of Central Government towards organisations will be taken into account when considering grants for a project that the organisation may already have received funding for from Central Government.*
- *All applications must be accompanied by a statement of financial position for the previous financial year and a budget projection for the next financial year.*
- *All successful applicants must acknowledge the support of the Thames-Coromandel District Council on any correspondence, advertising or other publicity material.*
- *Late applications will not be considered or carried forward.*
- *Any Community Grant funds not spent on the project for which the funds were applied for by the close of the Council's financial year must be returned to the Thames-Coromandel District Council unless written approval to retain the funds is obtained from the relevant Community*

Board.

- *At the completion of the expenditure every successful recipient must provide a detailed expenditure declaration and a report on the community benefit achieved (or similar).*
2. *That the Council does not develop separate policy in relation to the funding of lease costs on reserves.*
 3. *That each Community Board allocates a pre-determined total dollar amount to be distributed in their Ward every financial year in accordance with the Community Grants Policy.*
 4. *That the responsibility of Central Government towards organisations be taken into account when considering grants.*

Community Grants are part of the Social Development activity and Council believes that the support of sports, arts and life education is important to achieving healthy communities. The objective of the Social Development activity is:

- *To promote the social wellbeing of our diverse communities.*

Staff will work with the community groups to ensure the allocated funding is expended as per their Community Grant application in the required timeframe. Groups allocated a grant of \$5000.00 or more will be required to sign a Service Level Agreement.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Receives the report.
2. Confirms the allocation of community grant funding from the 2015/2016 Community Grant budget to organisations who have applied for financial assistance as follows:

Organisation Name	Brief description of project	Total Project Costs	Grant funding requested	Community Board Approved
Hikuai School	The Great Outdoors Expo 2016 - fund raising event for the school.	\$9,500	\$1,200	
Pauanui Pre-School Charitable Trust	Upgrade garden area so children can participate in learning to grow fresh fruit and vegetables - Garden beds	\$2,950	\$2,950	
Pauanui Community Menz Shed	Purchase of tools to be able to carry out its community work quicker and more efficiently - 4 x combo tool kit	\$1,811	\$1,350	
Pauanui Sports & Recreation Club Inc.	Annual Summer series holiday programme	\$65,150	\$15,000	
Pauanui Community Office (PR&R)	To assist a volunteer group to continue the pest (rabbit) control programme in conjunction with TCDC in high population areas in Pauanui - poison for bait stations	\$715	\$715	
Pauanui Neighbourhood Watch and Support Group (Inc)	Annual Insurance costs for three licence plate recognition cameras set up in Pauanui and Tairua	\$812	\$812	
Experience Pauanui - Pauanui Business Association	Operating costs associated to running Music Picnic @ the Point.	\$7,750	\$2,000	

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Trust Waikato Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club Inc	To part fund the provision of training and qualification of volunteer lifeguards with skills to perform their duties and junior surf education programme	\$15,880	\$5,800	
Coromandel Peninsula Coastal Walkways	Repairs to Pauanui Board Walk section from the Waterways to Tangitarori Lane to avoid closure and insure its integrity for the future.	\$26,574	\$20,000	
Tairua Pauanui Community Promotions	Annual New Year's Eve fireworks display	\$27,000	\$8,500	
Surf Lifesaving New Zealand - Eastern Region	To cover patrol extension at both Tairua and Pauanui beaches as Anniversary weekend is 1st February this will extend the period where people take holidays into the last week of January. This has happened in previous seasons..	\$5,300	\$5,300	
Tairua Elim Community Church	2015 Light party - Hireage costs: Bouncy Castle, Combat Z and Climbing Wall	\$2,512	\$1,200	
Parents & Friends of Tairua School Association (PFA)	Expenses associated with fundraising (Food & Wine Festival) - Kid zone area entertainment, hire rock climbing wall and purchase of a marquee	\$5,025	\$5,025	
Tairua Care & Friendship Club Inc	To Assist with rent and reimbursement for volunteer expenses	\$5,140	\$5,140	
Tairua Information & Community Services Society Inc.	Annual Tairua Summer Series event - printing & advertising/permits/hall and ferry hire/decorations	\$6,039	\$5,000	
Tairua Wet 'n' Wild	To promote and run the third annual Wet'n'Wild event	\$8,000	\$4,600	
Tairua Business Association	Beautification of the Tairua CBD with hanging baskets/garden planters	\$890	\$890	
Total Project Costs		\$191,048		
Total Grant funding requested by Applicants			\$84,282	
Total Grant funding available for distribution			<u>\$37,000</u>	
Grant Funding Available/ Shortfall			\$47,282	
Number of applications received = 17				