

Application for funding from the Community Board Discretionary Fund

TO	Whangamata Community Board
FROM	Garry Towler - Area Manager Whangamata/Tairua-Pauanui
DATE	25 October 2016
SUBJECT	Application for funding from the Community Board Discretionary Fund

1 Purpose of Report

For the Whangamata Community Board to consider a retrospective application for funding from the Community Board Discretionary Fund to cover the renovation costs at the Whangamata Info Plus Visitor Centre.

2 Background

Enterprise Whangamata identified a need for renovations at the Whangamata Info Plus Visitor Centre and communicated this to the Whangamata Community Board by way of letter.

The Whangamata Info Plus Visitor Centre is currently housed in a Council owned building located at 216 Port Road, Whangamata.

Board member Terry Walker presented the list of work requested at the 27 May 2016 Community Board workshop, noting a formal report would be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting so a resolution could be passed. The requested works included carpet removal, wall repairs and re-painting, installation of a hot water system and the fitting of improved lighting.

During the initial investigation into this matter, the Area Manager was made aware of a potential health and safety concern if the renovation matters were not addressed urgently. He contacted the Whangamata Community Board and received verbal confirmation to proceed with the renovations using the Community Board Discretionary Fund.

The installation of the hot water system was completed separately to the rest of the work and will not form part of this funding request as it was paid for using a separate maintenance budget. The total cost for this work was \$2111.04.

The renovation work at the Whangamata Info Plus Visitor Centre was completed October 2016 and it addressed all the concerns raised.

3 Discussion

Council's 2015-2025 Long Term Plan allocates \$20,000 per annum to be administered by the Whangamata Community Board for one-off matters that they deem worthy of support.

The total renovation cost for this project was \$8,106.84.

Should the Board wish to allocate the requested funds, the Whangamata Community Board Discretionary Fund balance would be \$11,893.16.

4 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the report.
2. Approves the retrospective Discretionary Fund grant application by Enterprise Whangamata for a sum of \$8,106.84 to cover renovations costs.