

2017/2018 Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

Community Grants

TO	Tairua-Pauanui Community Board
FROM	Lorna Price - Community Coordinator Tairua-Pauanui
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SUBJECT	2017/2018 Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Community Grants

1 Purpose of Report

The Community Board is asked to consider the allocation of Community Grant funding to organisations who have applied for funding assistance through the 2017/2018 Community Grant round, to the amount specified in 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.
- The Tairua-Pauanui Community Board has a contestable fund of \$37,000 available for allocation to local community groups for the 2017/2018 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 end of the financial year.

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 Representation activity which is made up of the following activities:

- Representation
- Grants and Remissions

The grants and remissions service provides support to community organisations to build their capacity to assist in developing a strong and connected community.

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.

The Community Board is asked to assess the following applications:

Organisation Name	Brief description of project	Grant Requested
Pauanui Surf Lifesaving Club Inc.	Purchase of a new Mercury Engine Stand to transport/hold/house the motor when in the gear shed.	\$395
Central North Island Kindergarten Trust - Tairua Kindergarten	To upgrade outdoor environment/play areas - riverbed, rocks, water feature, bridge, water play.	\$7,000
Tairua Pauanui Community Promotions	Contribution toward New Years' Eve fireworks display	\$8,500
Tairua Care & Friendship Club Inc	To assist with cost of venue rental and reimburse volunteer costs incurred	\$3,931
Hikuai school - the Great Outdoors Expo	To help cover costs of media/advertising, Children's entertainment, food, drink and consumables.	\$6,000
Pauanui Sports & Recreation Club Inc.	To assist in running the Summer Series	\$14,000
Walk Tairua Society Inc.	To provide signage for the walkway and erect 2 pedestrian refuges, warn of the risk of flying golf balls on the Tairua Golf Course; erect 2 pedestrian refuges where walkers can shelter.	\$4,000
Coromandel Peninsula Coastal Walkways Soc. Inc.	To undertake maintenance of existing tracks and the development of new tracks to ensure they comply with DOC and TCDC track standards.	\$1,021
Tairua Environment Society Inc	To concrete the pathway from the carpark to the beach at TeKaro Bay	\$2,500
Tairua Wet N Wild	Support 4th Annual Wet N Wild event	\$7,000

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Pauanui Community Menz Shed Inc	To contribute funding to the \$50,000 Parachute Drop event	\$8,000
Tairua Information Centre	Vehicle recognition cameras 1 x Tairua software support, alerts and reporting costs	\$1,200
Pauanui Neighbourhood watch and support group Inc	Pauanui entrance cameras - Insurance, service, alerts and reporting costs	\$3,220
Tairua Information & Community Services Inc	Summer Event Programme Event funding	\$9,950
Tairua Pauanui St John Youth Division	To help with travel expenses for cadet training in Auckland and surrounding areas.	\$500
Tairua Rugby and Sports Club	To provide junior rugby teams with socks throughout the junior rugby season	\$600
Tairua Elim Church Trust	To help fund the annual Light Party expenses	\$1,000
Pauanui Community Office	Pest Control	\$716
Pauanui Business Association - Experience Pauanui	Costs to manage the Paradise Coast Brand - toolbox to businesses and promotion	\$2,500
Tairua Business Network	Reinvigorate hanging planters in the town centre.	\$1,000
Tairua Heritage Group	Heritage Trail Replacement signs/pamphlet	\$4,000
Pauanui Pre-school	Remove existing vinyl and replace with new	\$8,720
Tairua Volunteer Fire Brigade	To assist with the funding of a new emergency van	\$7,500
Parents & Friends of Tairua school Association (PFA)	Shade tent for Tairua Wine and Food Festival	\$4,600
Tairua Troubadours	Tairua Hall hire costs and replenish scenery charges	\$2,000
Tairua Country Club Inc.	Pest traps to eradicate pests from golf course	\$1,690
Total Grant funding requested		\$116,742
Total Grant funding available		\$37,000

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Receives the '2017/2018 Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Grants report' dated 7 August 2017.
2. Confirms the allocation of community grant funding from the 2017/2018 Community Grants budget to organisations who have applied for financial assistance.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

- *Applications are attached separately*