

Application for community grant - Matariki Community Celebration Team

TO	Whangamata Community Board
FROM	Eileen Hopping - Community Manager
DATE	20 December 2017
SUBJECT	Application for community grant - Matariki Community Celebration Team

1 Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is for the Community Board to consider a Community Grant application requesting a contribution of \$4,700 towards the implementation of a public event in Whangamata to celebrate Maori New Year, Matariki.

2 Background

The Matariki Community Celebration Team (the Team) is made up of Whangamata local residents who wish to offer a free evening of family-friendly entertainment to celebrate Maori New Year on Saturday, 23 June 2018 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

The event was held for the first time last year and was very successful with approximately 300-400 people attending. 12 different community organisations worked together to create a positive cultural event for the Whangamata Community which included Kapa Haka performances, local youth bands providing entertainment and Maori speakers sharing iwi stories and whakapapa, along with Maori crafts, games and food.

Local community organisations are invited 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. The Matariki Community Celebration Team meets this criteria.

3 Issue

All community board grants require a Community Board resolution.

The Whangamata Community Board has a contestable fund of \$30,000 and of that amount \$23,713.22 has been allocated thus far this year to community groups. There is \$6,286.78 remaining to be considered for distribution from this fund.

4 Discussion

Some funding has been secured for the Matariki event by the Matariki Community Celebration Team. It includes a donation from Whangamata Area School as well as goods and services donated by the Whangamata Community Marae Committee and local early childhood education facilities. Additional funding will also be acquired through the selling of tickets for a traditional hangi dinner which will be sold for ten to twelve dollars per person.

The application (***Attachment A***) provides a list of expenses associated with the event.

5 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Application for Community Grant - Matariki Community Celebration Team' report, dated 20 December 2017.
2. Approves a grant of up to _____ towards Matariki Community Celebration Team to implement the Matariki event.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Community Grant Application - Matariki Community Celebration Team*

Attachment A