

District Grants

TO	Thames-Coromandel District Council
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SUBJECT	District Grants

1 Purpose of report

This is one of a series of reports which presents submissions received on the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan, staff analysis and recommendations for Council consideration. The focus of this report is on requests for funding which would be treated as district grants.

2 Background

Council currently provides \$199,000 in grants and funding agreements at a district level.

There is also the following grant budgets at the Community Board level that cover grants for community patrols, community pools, contestable grants and the discretionary grants fund:

Community Board area	Amount of grant budget
Thames	\$237,172
Coromandel-Colville	\$78,500
Mercury Bay	\$132,200
Tairua-Pauanui	\$60,600
Whangamata	\$125,000

Breakdown of grants budgets	Amount
Thames	
Council/Board Grants	25,000
Events	15,000
CCTV Camera Maintenance	2,447
Coro Heritage Trust Treasury Grant	30,000
Economic Development Grants	20,000
Thames Promotion	90,000
Thames Connect	2,570
Contract Community Services	32,155
Comm Bd Discretionary Spend	20,000
Total Thames	237,172
Tairua-Pauanui	
Council/Board Grants	37,000
Contract - Community Services	3,600
Comm Bd Discretionary Spend	20,000
Total Tairua-Pauanui	60,600

Whangamata	
Council/Board Grants	30,000
Contract Community Services	75,000
Comm Bd Discretionary Spend	20,000
Total Whangamata	125,000
Coromandel-Colville	
Ambulance Grant	15,000
Council/Board Grants	13,500
Economic Development Grants	20,000
Contract Community Services	10,000
Comm Bd Discretionary Spend	20,000
Total Coromandel-Colville	78,500
Mercury Bay	
Council/Board Grants	20,000
Mercury Bay Events	20,000
Contract - Community Services	72,200
Comm Bd Discretionary Spend	20,000
Total Mercury Bay	132,200

Breakdown of the contract - community services budgets

Thames

Citizens Advice Bureau	\$800
Fire brigades	\$6.5K
Museums	\$4.4K
Citizens Band	\$2.2K
Youth centre	\$3.3K

Tairua-Pauanui

Not disclosed, not in previous budgets

Whangamata

Pool	\$35K
Community patrol	\$5K
Summer festival	\$20K
Beach hop	\$10K

Coromandel

Pool	\$10K
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Mercury Bay

Pool	\$40K
Museum	\$25K
Community patrol	\$7.2K

Additionally, Council provides support to community organisations through its leasing policy by providing land and buildings to groups for lease for a nominal rental. Community Boards also pay the rates in almost all cases where community groups rent property from Council.

Through a long term plan many requests for funding are received, some to continue existing funding and other requests from new or returning organisations. The submission points below show who has made funding requests as part of this LTP that would be directed for district funding and the rating impact of each request.

3 Issue

Council decisions are required on the proposals included in the consultation document and on the matters raised by submitters.

4 Requests for Council funding

The following funding requests were received, accompanied by various organisational and individual submissions in support.

Age Concern Thames

- Requested annual funding of \$16,000 per year to continue delivery of their programme of support for elder members of the community.
- Their existing funding is \$13,315 per annum, the additional represents a 20% increase.
- Age Concern Thames is currently funded in the draft LTP budgets for \$13,315 with a rating impact of \$0.58 per ratepayer. The rating impact of the requested increase is an extra 12 cents per ratepayer.

He Mana Toi Moehau - Creative Coromandel

- Requested \$10,000 in Year 1, \$7,000 in Year 2 and \$5,000 in year 3 to support their work in delivering the Council's Arts and Creative Industries strategy.
- The submitter notes that by year 4 they intend to have secured other sustainable income streams to carry out their role.
- This request is support by 13 other submitters.
- There is no current budget, the request has a rating impact of \$0.43 per ratepayer in year 1, which would reduce by 13 cents in year 2 and reduce again by another 8 cents in year 3.

Sport Waikato

- Requested their existing funding to deliver their current contract (\$87,289) plus inflation for the first three years of the LTP. Sport Waikato is currently funded in the draft LTP budgets. [rating impact = \$3.79]
- Also requested \$13,740 per year as Council's contribution towards implementation of the Regional Facilities Plan. Sport Waikato is currently funded in the draft LTP budgets. [rating impact = \$0.60]

The Treasury (Coromandel Heritage Trust)

- Requested \$30,000 for the first three years of the LTP from both Council and the Thames Community Board to support their archival function for the Coromandel.
- This request was supported by an additional seven submitters.
- The Treasury is funded in the draft LTP budgets. The rating impact of grant from district funding is \$1.30 per ratepayer, and from local Thames funding is \$6.53 per Thames CB ratepayer.
- The Trust has provided a plan to develop and implement strategies to becoming more sustainable in the long term. Funding for the Trust from the Hauraki District Council in their draft Long Term Plan budgets was \$30,000 in year 1, \$20,000 in year 2, and \$10,000 in year 3.

Analysis

District grants are at the discretion of Council. Rating impacts are shown above to qualify the cost to ratepayers of supporting these organisations.

Recommendation

Approves the following grants:

Recipient	Amount	Timeframe
Age Concern Thames	\$16,000 for 3 years	3 years
Sport Waikato	\$13,740 for 3 years	3 years
Sport Waikato	\$87,289 plus inflation for 3 years	3 years
Coromandel Heritage Trust	\$30,000 in year 1; \$20,000 in year 2 and \$10,000 in year 3	3 years
He Mana Toi Moehau (Creative Coromandel)	\$10,000 in year 1, \$7,000 in year 2, \$5,000 in year 3	3 years

5 The Colville Project

Submission points

- One submitter seeks Council assistance with the Colville Project to navigate and implement any plan changes on land use and zoning.
- A further submitter asks that Council contribute to the costs of resource consent and planning processes to the value of \$150K-\$250K.

Analysis

Council staff, including the Economic Development Programme Manager, Resource Consents planners and Community Manager can provide support and assistance to the Project in terms of guidance. Further information on the request for financial support is required to determine how Council can best support this project.

If, as requested, the total amount of the grant is \$150,000 - \$250,000 then the rate impact of the grant would be [\$68 - \$114 locally funded; \$6.51 - \$10.85 district funded].

Recommendation

Direct staff to engage further with the Colville Project to determine where Council support is required, the timing for this, and what level of funding is required.

6 Remissions

The major remission for consultation was the removal of the rates remission for second dwellings, as addressed in the 'changes to who pays' deliberations report. Council does however offer remissions for a range of other reasons, as well as rates postponement.

Submission points not requiring recommendation

- One submitter asked that rates remissions be applied automatically for QEII covenanted land.