

2018/2019 Whangamata Community Grants

TO	Whangamata Community Board
FROM	Eileen Hopping – Community Manager
DATE	10 September 2018
SUBJECT	2018/2019 Whangamata Board 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 2018/2019 Community Grant round, to the amount specified in the 2018-2028 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 Whangamata Community Board has a contestable fund of \$30,000 available for allocation to local community groups for the 2018/2019 financial year as per the 2018-2028 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.

The following is the policy statement from the Community Grants Policy:

1. *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.*
2. 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).*
3. *That the Council does not develop separate policy in relation to the funding of lease costs on reserves.*

4. *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.*
5. *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
Onemana Ratepayers Association	To purchase public liability insurance and cones for annual market day	\$2,000
Whangamata Equestrian Group	To assist in extending arena and equipment request to allow more vents	\$6,384
Whangamata Scout Group	Assistance with annual lease costs	\$403
Whangamata Surf Life Saving club Inc.	To assist with the purchase of a defibrillator and cabinet	\$2,800
Ella Williams Trust	To assist in the purchasing of Surfing equipment	\$9,300
All Saints Community Church	To contribute towards the cost of Carols in the Park on Christmas Eve.	\$650
Whangamata Golf Club Inc	To enable a course hole realignment	\$5,000
Whangamata Croquet Club	Maintenance and improvements to the facilities. Mowing, fertilising.	\$2,000
Arts Collective Whangamata	To purchase material to make 40 display boards	\$2,800
Onemana Ratepayers Association	Equipment for reserve volunteer work	\$430

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Onemana Ratepayers Association	Cost of volunteers first aid certificates	\$676
Whangamata Community Patrol	To cover the cost of Safer Plates advertising , updated car telephone system, chevron safety strip for car	\$1,300
Onemana Ratepayers Association	To purchase a sound system. No Quote received	\$1,500
Onemana Ratepayers Association	To purchase Christmas decorations for carpark Christmas tree	\$300
Whangamata Lions Club Inc	To run the 2nd Christmas Tree Forest including - extra tree purchasing, safe lighting extensions and presents and Santa parade	\$2,500
Whangamata Bowling Club	To purchase 16 sets of bowls specifically in smaller sizes for the use by school children	\$5,280
Whangamata Spinners & Weavers	To run a two day event exhibiting crafts and demonstrations	\$750
Parenting Place - Attitude Youth Division	April 2019 - Attitude visiting Whangamata area school delivering presentations (drug and alcohol education)	\$900
Whangamata Lions Club Inc.	To help meet cost associated with Run Walk Festival on 8 Sept 2018	\$3,045
Enterprise Whangamata Ltd	To assist with costs associated with replacing the two welcome to Whangamata signs	\$1,800
Hillside Community Church	To assist with costs associated with running the Fusion Free Family Fun at event Williamson Park 27th -31st December 2018	\$1,600
Whangamata Ocean Sports Club	Purchase of security camera to replace the current out of order TCDC Camera on the wharf	\$640
Whangamata Ocean Sports Club	To host a local business beach clean up day	\$750
Whangamata Menz Shed	To purchase container as a work place	\$2,000

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Whangamata RSA	To assist with costs associated with ANZAC DAY and the commemoration of the liberation of Le Quesnoy and Armistice Day	\$5,000
Matariki Community Celebration Team	To provide a free festival and light parade to celebrate Matariki	\$7,400
Enterprise Whangamata Ltd	To engage a consultant to apply for external funding	\$3,500
Onemana Surf Lifesaving Club Inc.	To fund 1 st aid courses and lifeguard uniforms	\$3,500
Total Grant funding requested		\$79,258
Total Grant funding available		\$30,000

5 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the '2018/2019 Whangamata Community Grants' report dated 10 September 2018.
2. Confirms the allocation of community grant funding from the 2018/2019 Community Grants budget to organisations who have applied for financial assistance

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Whangamata Community Grants 2018/2019 summary document and applications*

The Whangamata Community Grant 2018/2019 summary document and applications will be provided separately.

Attachment A - Combined Grants Summary and Applications