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Subject: FAO Mercury Bay Community Board

Good afternoon Heather

I am writing in the hope that you can help with access to funding via the Mercury Bay Community Board to help with some of the costs associated with holding a fundraising concert for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter at the Mercury Bay Estate winery on 11 January 2019.

You may have seen in local news the issues that our rescue helicopter service has been facing over the past few months. With the uncertainty surrounding the service we were unable to commit to this event until very recently, and we are delighted that we are able to go ahead. I was looking at additional sources of funding and discovered your fund but also that we had missed out on the application deadline, therefore I am writing to ask if an application might be considered outside of your usual timeframe?

The event is the Concert in the Vines (www.concertinthevines.org.nz) and 2019 will be our 7th year. We are very proud of this event, the support we receive from the community, the feedback we get each year on what a great family event it is and at the end of the day the money we raise to support our rescue helicopter service.

We have a very limited budget but work very hard to put on a professional, well run event, with a line up of artists which appeals to our varied audience of locals and holidaymakers. We keep the ticket prices affordable so that everyone can attend, and children under 12 are free. We work closely with a number of local businesses who provide products and services at discounted rates to keep our costs down as much as possible.

Last year we incurred costs of approximately \$12,000 which covered artists fees and expenses (travel/accommodation), staging, sound and lighting, and I anticipate costs being at a similar level again this year.

We would very much appreciate any contribution that the Mercury Bay Community Board could make. If you would like to discuss this further please don't hesitate to contact me.

Nga Mihi | Kind Regards
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