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**REPORT 2**  
*(1215/52/IM)*

## **HERITAGE GRANTS**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the allocation of grants to applicants in the November 2006 round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, as assessed by Council officers.

### **2. Executive Summary**

In October 2006 the Built Heritage Incentive Fund report was presented to and approved by the Strategy and Policy Committee. The first round of applications closed at the end of November 2006. Eleven applications were received seeking funds in excess of \$500,000. It is proposed to offer grants to eight applicants, with fund allocation totalling approximately \$150,000. This will leave approximately \$100,000 for allocation in the next funding round closing end of March. This report sets out details of the applications received and the recommendations of Council officers in respect to allocating the grants.

### **3. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to the allocation of grants to applicants in the November 2006 round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, as assessed by Council officers.*

### **4. Background**

In October 2006 the Built Heritage Incentive Fund report was presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee. The report set out the criteria and conditions for the fund and proposed a degree of flexibility in how funds were allocated. The first round of the grant was advertised for applications to reach the Council by the end of November 2006.

There is \$250,000 available for grants in 2006/07 and \$350,000 in each of the following five financial years. Approximately 60 percent of available funds will be allocated to applicants in this round. There is one more round in March 2007 for allocating the balance.

The Built Heritage Incentive Fund is a key initiative of the Built Heritage Policy, which was adopted by Council in June 2005. The Policy aims to demonstrate Council's "*renewed commitment to the City's built heritage to current owners, the community, visitors to the city and future generations*". Other key initiatives in the Policy are improving statutory protection for the built heritage and creating more heritage areas in the city and suburbs.

The purpose of the fund is to help people conserve, restore and protect aspects of Wellington's built heritage for the enjoyment and benefit of current and future generations. It is intended that grants from the fund will help meet some of the additional costs associated with owning and caring for a heritage property.

## **5. Discussion**

### **5.1 Applications received**

By the closing date 11 applications had been received, requesting funding in excess of \$500,000. Council officers have reviewed applications and determined that eight applications meet the criteria set out in the Built Heritage Incentive Fund report approved by Committee in October 2006. In some cases the offer of the grant will be made contingent upon the applicant submitting further information to substantiate their application. This is necessary because a number of applications have neglected to include formal quotations or estimates for the projects. One applicant will be advised to apply in the next round of funding as their application was lacking in content in most areas. Two applications were rejected as they did not meet the criteria. Details of the applications are set out in Appendix I.

### **5.2 Funding Allocation**

Once applications were deemed to meet the criteria, a number of factors were considered as to what level of funding was appropriate for each application. These factors included:

- the value of the funding request
- the value of the funding request when considered against the total project cost
- the value of discrete stages of the project relating to immediate risk
- the benefit of the grant to the larger community
- the risk of the heritage values being lost or diminished

- the limited amount of funding available for allocation and the need to ensure that there are funds remaining to allocate in the next round in March.

### **5.3 Officers' recommendations**

The officers' recommendations for allocating funds to the eight projects are set out in the Table 1 below:

**Table 1: Proposed Built Heritage Incentive Fund Grants (November 2006)**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description of Grant Component of Project</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>Grant Proposed</b>
Rita Angus Cottage: Thorndon Trust	Painting kitchen interior	1,113.75	1,113.75	1,113.75
'Boxhill,' 38 Box Hill, Khandallah: Michael M Timmer	Brick and associated wall repair, consultant fees	9,700	9,700	5,000
'Fernhill,' 15 Fernhill Tce, Wadestown: Jacqueline Matthews	Conservation of windows, fence, weatherboards, gate; painting	33,100	33,100	10,000
St Christopher's Seatoun Strathmore Presbyterian Church	Stained glass restoration and protection	47,120	47,120	10,000
Tower Building, 50-64 Customhouse Quay: Maurice Clark	Façade restoration: crack sealing, window & joint resealing	268,875	156,375	20,000
St Barnabas Church, Roseneath: The Friends of St Barnabas Roseneath Charitable Trust	Sprinklers; conservation of front entry, spire, interior porch, foyer	360,000	92,470	30,000
Futuna Chapel: Friends of Futuna Charitable Trust	Purchase and refurbishment	575,000	80,000	50,000
Victoria House Student Hostel, 276 The Terrace: Victoria House Inc.	Piling, over-cladding, timber replacement, exterior repairs, structural engineering	1,468,169	72,524.72	25,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,763,077.75</b>	<b>492,403.47</b>	<b>151,113.75</b>

A discussion of each of the applications is set out below:

**Rita Angus Cottage, Thorndon**

Applicant: The Thorndon Trust

The project is to paint the kitchen interior of this listed and registered Category I house.

The grant will improve the presentation and utility of the house which is inhabited regularly by an 'Artist in Residence.'

Given the high historic significance of this cottage and the small request for funding (\$1,113.75) it is proposed to fund 100% of the project cost.

**'Boxhill,' 38 Boxhill, Khandallah**

Applicant: Michael M Timmer

The project is for professional consultant fees and the brick and associated wall repair of this listed and prominent 1929 house.

The grant will repair existing weather damage to the exterior of the house and prevent further deterioration.

'Boxhill' has high historic and architectural significance and commands high public visibility in the Khandallah landscape. Since the house is privately owned and the cost of the project is relatively small, it is proposed to fund approximately 50% of the project cost (\$5,000.00).

**'Fernhill,' 15 Fernhill Terrace, Wadestown**

Applicant: Ms Jacqueline Matthews

The project is to conserve and paint the windows, weatherboards, fence, and gate of this significant 150 year old listed house.

The grant will contribute to preventing further deterioration and protect the heritage significance of the building.

'Fernhill' is a unique example of 1840s design and construction; one of the earliest remaining houses in the area; and an important feature of its locality. The house is privately owned and it is proposed to fund approximately 35% of the project. The \$10,000 will cover 100% of the costs associated with conserving fabric at immediate risk of being lost.

## **St Christopher's Seatoun Strathmore Presbyterian Church**

Applicant: St Christopher's Seatoun Strathmore Presbyterian Church

The project is to protect and restore the stained glass windows of a listed 1930s church.

The grant will cover the installation of protective glazing and contribute to the restoration of the six hand-painted windows.

St Christopher's has considerable social and architectural value contributing significantly to its streetscape. It is proposed to offer \$10,000 towards the project. While this does not equate to the total funding request, it will cover 100% of the costs of installing the protective glazing required immediately.

## **Tower Building, 50-64 Customhouse Quay**

Applicant: Maurice Clark

The project is to restore the Coromandel granite and sandstone façade of this 1930s registered and listed nine-storey building.

The grant will contribute to the restoration of this building which is a significant and prominent feature of the central city environment.

The Tower Building has high architectural significance and is unique in its location. The overall project cost is relatively large, but given the recent commendable conservation efforts by the owner it is proposed to fund 10% (\$20,000) of the costs of façade restoration.

## **St Barnabas Church, Roseneath**

Applicant: The Friends of St Barnabas Roseneath Charitable Trust

The project includes the installation of a sprinkler system and the conservation of the front entry, spire, interior porch, and foyer in an historic listed and registered church.

The grant will contribute to preventing further deterioration and reduce the fire risk to this significant building in its landmark location.

St Barnabas has high social, historic, architectural, and streetscape value. The overall project costs are high and it is proposed to offer 10% of the costs, which equates to \$30,000.

### **Futuna Chapel, Fortuna Close, Friend Street, Karori**

Applicant: Friends of Fortuna Charitable Trust

The project is for the purchase and refurbishment of this nationally significant listed and Category I registered 20<sup>th</sup> Century church.

The grant will contribute to the purchase and refurbishment of this important architectural work, making it accessible to both the people of New Zealand and to international tourists.

Futuna has very high architectural significance on a national level. The overall project costs are very high and it is proposed to offer approximately 10% of the money required to protect this building. This equates to \$50,000.

### **Victoria House Student Hostel, 276 The Terrace**

Applicant: Victoria House Inc.

The project is for the re-piling, structural engineering, repairs and reconstruction of a two-storied timber early 1900s listed house.

The grant will ensure that this building continues to make a significant contribution to the distinctive Terrace streetscape.

The building at 276 The Terrace has historic significance. The overall project costs are very high and it is proposed to fund 2% of the total cost, which equates to approximately 35% of the money requested or \$25,000.

## **6. Conclusion**

The Built Heritage Incentive Fund is a key initiative of the Built Heritage Policy and demonstrates Council's ongoing commitment to protect and conserve the City's heritage.

There has been a very good response to the call for applications in this round of the fund. With a carefully considered and balanced decision-making process there will be funds remaining for allocation in the next funding round closing end March.

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## **Supporting Information**

### **1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome**

*This initiative supports Council's overall vision of Creative Wellington – Innovation Capital. It has a direct link to the Urban Development Strategy, has links with the Transport and the Culture Well-Being Strategies.*

*This initiative supports the second highest strategic priority - high quality urban design. It also contributes to the delivery of other strategic priorities:*

- *Protection of sense of place*

*High quality urban design contributes to the following Council outcomes:*

*Outcome 1: More liveable – by developing and maintaining a high quality public environment*

*Outcome 2: Stronger sense of place – by integrating sense of place into asset management, by enhancing the role of the city as Capital, by ensuring high quality built design and by conserving the city's heritage.*

### **2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact**

*Council has agreed to \$250,000 being allocated to this project in the 2006-07 year. This is proposed to be increased to \$350,000 in on going years.*

### **3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

*N/A*

### **4) Decision-Making**

*This decision shows Council's commitment to raising the profile of this important initiative.*

### **5) Consultation**

#### **a) General Consultation**

*Consultation has occurred as part of the development of the Built Heritage Policy.*

#### **b) Consultation with Maori**

*N/A*

### **6) Legal Implications**

*N/A*

### **7) Consistency with existing policy**

*This initiative is consistent with existing Council policy.*

### Appendix I: Built Heritage Incentive Fund Applications (November 2006)

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Herd Street Post Office: Michael Mahoney	Earthquake strengthening	4,860,000	Not specified
26 Stoke St, Newtown: Simon Bachler	Roof replacement	Not specified	Not specified
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,647,115.75</b>	<b>501,441.47</b>