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## **GRANTS FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION**

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

This paper updates the Grants Subcommittee on progress in implementing the grants framework. It builds on 5.1 of Report 2 to the Grants Subcommittee on 28 September 2006, and outlines the process proposed for management of current one year service contracts and potential recommendations for three year contracts.

### **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Grants Subcommittee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Note that recommendations to the Strategy and Policy Committee for any three year funding contracts will be made at the March Grants Subcommittee meeting based on information received at this meeting.*

### **3. Background**

The Council provides grants as a means to enable community organisations to achieve initiatives and services that align with the Council's strategic direction. In 2005 the Grants Subcommittee and the Strategy and Policy Committee (SPC) agreed to a series of papers to establish and implement a revised grants framework. That framework provided for organisations that the Council funded on a medium to long term basis to have three year contracts rather than apply for grants.

SPC and the Grants Subcommittee agreed that for some organisations receiving long term funding further work was needed to determine a) whether the organisation should in fact receive three year funding and/or b) what an appropriate amount would be. As an interim measure it was agreed that those organisations would be offered a transitional one year contract in 2006/07 to allow for them to be reviewed prior to a longer term contract being considered. Under the terms of their contract it was expected that by March 2007 a decision would be made to either recommend them to SPC for a three year fixed term contract or refer them to the general grants pool for consideration.

In November 2006 the Council agreed to revised terms of reference for both SPC and the Grants Subcommittee. The revised terms of reference delegate the Grants Subcommittee the authority to approve annual grants and make

recommendations to SPC regarding the approval of three year funding contracts.

#### **4. Discussion**

A list of organisations on transitional one year contracts in 2006/07 is attached as Appendix 1. Of these fourteen organisations, Katherine Mansfield Birthplace Society and Fringe Arts Trust have already had three year contracts approved by SPC. Wellington Basketball Association has been offered a further one year transitional contract for 2007/08. Presbyterian Support (Central) has decided not to apply for a three year contract at this stage as they are currently reviewing their services.

The remaining ten organisations have submitted written applications for three year service contracts (copies attached as Appendix 2). The groups have been invited to make brief presentations at the 12 February meeting so Councillors can ask questions about their forward plans.

Officers will present recommendations regarding each contract application to the Grants Subcommittee on 14 March 2007. At that meeting the Subcommittee will be asked to either:

- Recommend that a three year contract be entered
- Defer the application to be considered for one year funding as part of the July 2007 general grant round or
- Decline the application.

Those organisations recommended for three year contracts will be referred to SPC's next available meeting, and those approved will have appropriate contracts negotiated ready to commence at 1 July 2007. Any amounts approved for these new three year contracts will be drawn from the existing grants pool. Unless the amounts exceed those already being paid to these groups the effect of this will be cost neutral to the grants pool.

It is suggested that in future at this time each year the Grants Subcommittee can consider recommendations for changes to three year contracts, including new applications for contracts. Any changes will be funded from within the existing grants pool, unless Council decides to increase the overall grants pool. All recommendations for new or renewed three year contracts, or to alter amounts of three year contracts, must be approved by SPC.

The Grants subcommittee has the delegated authority to discontinue any contract funded from the grants pool if the organisation is not performing adequately against agreed performance measures and the terms of their contract, and/or the organisation is no longer sufficiently aligned with Council's strategic direction to merit fixed term funding.

## 5. Conclusion

The issues outlined in this paper flow from the implementation of the Grants Framework approved by the Strategy and Policy Committee in 2005.

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<b>Supporting Information</b>
<b>1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome</b> <i>WCC General grants are allocated to support outcomes from the Cultural, Social, Economic and Environmental strategic areas.</i>
<b>2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact</b> <i>The Cultural grants come under project C661, the Environmental grants under project C652, the Social &amp; Recreational grants under C678 and the Economic grants under project C647.</i>
<b>3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations</b> <i>Not applicable</i>
<b>4) Decision-Making</b> <i>This is not a significant decision.</i>
<b>5) Consultation</b> <b>a) General Consultation</b> <i>Not applicable</i>  <b>b) Consultation with Maori</b> <i>Not applicable</i>
<b>6) Legal Implications</b> <i>Not applicable</i>
<b>7) Consistency with existing policy</b> <i>The grant pools have been created to assist community initiatives in line with Council strategy.</i>

## Appendix 1

### One Year Contracts July 2006 – June 2007

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Age Concern Wellington Inc	\$3,500	
ESOL Home Tutors Wellington Inc	\$10,000	
Fringe Arts Trust	\$50,000	3 year contract approved by SPC commencing July 07
Katherine Mansfield Birthplace Soc.	\$50,000	3 year contract approved by SPC commencing July 07
Mokai Kainga Maori Centre Charitable Trust	\$42,500	
Presbyterian Support (Central)	\$10,000	Not applying for a 3 year contract in 2007 – returning to general grants pool
Wellington Activity Centre	\$7,000	
Wellington Basketball Association Inc	\$60,000	Further 1 year contract approved by SPC for 2007/08
Wellington Boys and Girls Institute Inc	\$100,000	
Wellington City Centre for the Elderly	\$17,540	
Wellington Community Child Care Association	\$17,540	
Wellington International Jazz Festival Trust	\$25,000	
Wellington People's Centre Inc	\$13,000	
ZEAL (Under Body & Soul Trust)	\$100,000	