
NON CONTESTABLE SALARY GRANTS

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise the Grants Subcommittee on the funding made to community centres under delegated authority to Officers.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Subcommittee:

1. *Receive the information.*

3. Background

Since the 1970's Wellington City Council has provided salary support to community centres. In 1993 Council recognised inequities in a case by case allocation of funding and as a result undertook a review of how funding was allocated. A new salary grants scheme was introduced in which a three tier system of salary funding was provided through.

- Youth grants (contestable) - available on application
- Salary grants (protected) - community centres, CABs and a small number of other community organisations
- Salary grants (contestable) - available on application to all community groups in the city

In June 1996 the Community Culture & Recreation (CCR) committee recommended that the Council extend the life of the protected salary grants community centres. In May 1999 the CCR committee further recommended the protected salary grants to the community centres be rolled over until the Grant Effectiveness Review was completed.

The Grants Framework confirmed that new contracts would be created (on a 3 year basis) and be used for these priority groups (community centres).

4. Discussion

The allocation of funding to the community centres through these grants underpins the Council's commitment to meeting the needs of the wider

community. This important contribution to the running of such valuable assets ensures programmes and community information can reach the intended target.

The 17 community centres have been offered contracts, as indicated in appendix 1, with a total amount allocated of \$468,606 for the 2007/2008 financial year. Community centres will be funded through three year contracts. However there are four exceptions (one year contracts) for this financial year:

- Newtown Hall (ex Newtown Playground) will be managed by Newtown Community and Cultural Centre on a trial basis through a one year contract
- Newlands Community House is funded through a one year contract as it is expected that the new community centre will be completed next year
- Crossways Community Centre requested funding for one year as they are unsure of their future
- Island Bay Community Centre have agreed a one year contract while new accounting practices are implemented

5. Conclusion

As a result of the Grants Effectiveness Review community Centres will be funded through three year contracts, with 4 exceptions noted for the 2007/08 financial year.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

Wellington City Grants through three contracts are allocated to support outcomes from the Cultural, Social, Economic and Environmental strategic areas.

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

The Cultural contracts come under project C661, and the Social & Recreational contracts under C678

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

All grants applications that could have implications for Maori are referred to Treaty Relations Office for recommendations. The Treaty Relations is sent the full list of applicants and projects for comments.

4) Decision-Making

This is not a significant decision.

5) Consultation

The Grants Team work closely with the community centres and City Communities to develop the contracts

6) Legal Implications

N/A