
NEW CONTRACT FUNDING

1. Purpose of Report

To seek the Grants Subcommittee's approval for funds to be allocated through contracts to the Crossways Community Trust

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Grants Subcommittee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree that for the 2008/09 financial year Crossways Community Trust is offered a six month contract for services.*

3. Background

In 2005 the Grants Framework was adopted and Council agreed to fund community organisations through contracts when those organisations:

- Make significant contribution to Wellington City and represent core business of the Council.
- Directly contribute to Council's strategic or policy goals by engaging with, providing services and giving advice for Wellington residents.
- Work collaboratively with specific community organisations to ensure the delivery of services and programmes that improve social cohesion and infrastructure.

As part of the Grants Framework's implementation new factors arose for consideration:

- The need to develop a process to achieve a desirable equilibrium between funding available through the contestable grants process and that delivered through contracts.
- An increased strategic focus on the environment (climate change in particular) and the need to be able to consider an environmental organisation for funding through a contract for services without impacting on the ability to deliver grants through the contestable process.

The Grants Subcommittee (March 2008) agreed to ring-fence contract funding at the current level. It was also agreed that there was a need to increase

responsiveness to environmental priorities by allowing the ring-fenced contract funding to be allocated across the environmental, social and cultural pools

In line with the framework and the agreed ring fencing of the contract funding, this paper recommends that Crossways Community Trust is offered a six month contract.

4. Discussion

Community Centres make a significant contribution to Wellington City by providing community activities, services and meeting spaces for local people. The Council aims to maximise the use of amenities and resources such as community centres by working collaboratively with communities to ensure the best delivery of services and programmes, and improve social cohesion.

The Council's Social and Recreation Strategy has an overarching theme of building strong and healthy communities. The priorities for 2007-2010 are that the Council will:

1. work harder to increase the value of community facilities to their communities
2. build capability and capacity within the community to promote social cohesion and sound social infrastructure
3. increase its efforts to promote participation in sport and recreation, particularly for youth.

Community centres are one of the Council's responses to fulfil its vision for the city's communities. A community centre is part of an integrated city-wide network of community resources. It is a facility that provides opportunities for social interaction, activities, recreation, events, programmes, interest-based courses and meeting spaces that benefit the local community. Community centres identify and meet local community needs in interactive ways, are open to all people, and complement other resources in the community.

Community centres receive funding through a variety of sources, one of which is the Wellington City Council. The Council wishes to work collaboratively with the Community Centres and will provide support as outlined in this agreement. This agreement also outlines the reporting and other requirements for Council's auditing and accountability processes.

The Crossways Community House Incorporated received funding of \$18,568 per annum through a contract for services. The incorporated society was disestablished at the same time the Community House was sold and the unused portion of the grant was returned to Council (\$9,284 available for allocation). Crossways Community Trust has picked up and is currently delivering many of the activities previously delivered by the Community House Incorporated. The Community Trust is ideally placed to assist in supporting community activities in this area.

It is proposed that the Grants subcommittee agree to fund the Crossways Community Trust \$9,284 through a six month contract for services. This is in line with the funding for previously given to the Crossways Community House. Future support for the Crossways Community House will be considered within the review of contracts being considered for the 2009/2012 period.

5. Conclusion

Officers recommend funding the Crossways Community Trust \$9,284 through a six month contract for services

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Supporting Information
<p>1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome <i>WCC General grants are allocated to support outcomes from the Cultural, Social, Economic and Environmental strategic areas.</i></p>
<p>2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact <i>The Cultural grants come under project C661, the Environmental grants under project C652, the Social & Recreational grants under C678 and the Economic grants under project C647.</i></p>
<p>3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations <i>Any grants application that could have implications for Maori are referred to WCC Treaty Relations Office for recommendations. The Treaty Relations Office is sent the full list of applicants and projects for comments.</i></p>
<p>4) Decision-Making <i>This is not a significant decision.</i></p>
<p>5) Consultation</p> <p>a) General Consultation <i>The Grants Team sends the full list of applicants and projects for comment to appropriate Council officers prior to presentation to the Subcommittee. Applicants and persons or organisations referred to in the applications and others may be spoken to for comments where appropriate.</i></p> <p>b) Consultation with Maori <i>The WCC Treaty Relations Office is sent the full list of applicants and projects for comment prior to presentation to committee.</i></p>
<p>6) Legal Implications <i>N/A</i></p>
<p>7) Consistency with existing policy <i>The grant pools have been created to assist community initiatives in line with Council strategy.</i></p>