
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL GENERAL GRANTS

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides recommendations for the applications deferred from the February 2008 Grants Subcommittee meeting.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Grants Subcommittee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to use the officers' recommendations in the schedule attached as Appendix 2 as a guide to allocating a grant amount for the deferred applications*

3. Background

The Council provides grants to assist community groups to undertake projects that meet community needs. Grants are also a mechanism for achieving the Council's objectives and strategic priorities, especially those priorities that rely on community organisations carrying out specific activities. The general grants scheme provides funding for projects from community organisations that meet general and specific criteria (Appendix one).

4. Discussion

The grants Sub Committee deferred making a funding decision on three of the applications being considered in the February meeting. The committee requested further work to be done by council officers before reaching a decision on funding.

4.1 Application Assessment

Officers' recommendations (Appendix two) are based on evidence of need, alignment with the Council's strategic goals, the grants criteria (Appendix one) and effectiveness of funding these projects. The recommendations reflect the additional work done by council officers. The Officers also take into account management of previous funding (report backs) and information from City Communities, City Arts, Strategy and other business units.

5. Conclusion

The Subcommittee is asked to consider the applications received for the General Grants pools and decide whether or not it is appropriate to fund the applicants and at what level.

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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>

Appendix One Grants Criteria

Generic Grants Criteria:

1. Project makes a positive contribution to achieving the Council's Strategic Outcomes and Points of Difference as listed in the Council's current Annual Plan.
2. Project is Wellington based and primarily benefits the people of Wellington (exceptions may be made for projects based elsewhere in the region but which significantly benefit residents of Wellington City).
3. Applicant is a legally constituted community group or organisation, not an individual or individuals.
4. Applicant group provides evidence of (or, if a new group, systems for): sound financial management, good employment practice (where applicable), clear and detailed planning, clear performance measures, demonstrated ability to report back on past funding as appropriate.
5. Projects will not be funded for the same purpose more than once in any financial year.
6. Failure to report adequately on past Council funding can result in a group being considered ineligible for future funding.
7. Project is physically and financially accessible either by a wide range of persons or by the intended users.
8. Project shows evidence of community support, collaboration and building partnerships with other organisations (e.g. letters of support from other organisations/leaders).
9. Applicant must demonstrate that the project expands the capacity, range or level of similar types of services in the community and that there was user input into identifying the need for the project.
10. The principal intent of the project is not for private or commercial pecuniary gain, though it may be that such gains occur as a side effect of the project.
11. Application demonstrates an awareness of the Treaty of Waitangi, in particular when involving Mana whenua and Taura Here.

Specific criteria relating to Cultural Grants:

All projects must be community based and aimed at attracting or involving a minimum of 1,000 people and meet at least one of the following:

- Project encourages or increases youth participation in the arts
- Project preserves and enhances Wellington's role as Arts and Cultural Capital of New Zealand
- Project acknowledges community diversity and civic pride
- Project attracts visitors to Wellington and has a positive economic benefit for the city
- Project is a specific project for an exhibition or event
- Project demonstrates an emphasis on traditional or contemporary Maori cultural influences
- Applicant group is based in a geographic community (such as a suburb) or a community of interest (such as an ethnicity) and proposes a festival or event that reflects a community need

Specific criteria relating to Economic Grants:

- Projects should benefit the wider community rather than individuals or particular sectors
- Applicants should not be government agencies or limited liability companies

Specific criteria relating to Environmental Grants:

- Project has positive impacts upon Council's Strategic Outcomes in relation to the environment (e.g. bio-diversity, eco-systems, landscape and natural heritage, waste minimisation, water conservation, fuel use/alternative transportation, eco-design etc.)
- Project enhances, restores or protects the environment within Wellington City.
- Project promotes environmental sustainability or understanding of environmental values.

Specific criteria relating to Social grants:*Building Capability & Capacity:*

- Project encourages growth of communities and participation in community life.
- Preference for projects that assist the development of economically or socially disadvantaged groups in the community.

Sport and Recreation:

- Priority will be given to:
 - Programmes targeting youth – 13 to 20 year age group
 - Spending that supports active participation by youth by providing essential items for the activity
 - Projects that encourage volunteer involvement to support active participation by youth
 - Projects that historically would have been eligible for Hillary Commission funding and have unsuccessfully sought funding from other sources

Safety:

- Projects that lead to a safer community environment.
- Projects that promote personal safety.
- Projects that help reduce crime in Wellington.

Youth:

- Programme targets youth in the 10-25 year age group.
- Programme emphasises youth involvement in planning, and learning to make constructive use of leisure time.
- Programme is unable to get sufficient funding from other sources.
- Project is aimed at keeping youth/rangatahi safe.
- Project encourages youth/rangatahi to develop their full potential as individuals and members of the community.
- Project encourages youth/rangatahi to participate in community networks and/or in the decision making and development of their city.

Specific criteria relating to Residents Associations:

- The applicant organisation is registered with the Wellington City Council as a Residents Association.
- The applicant organisation has a committee.
- The applicant organisation has an active membership of 10 or more, excluding the committee and the membership list is available for public inspection.
- The applicant organisation meets at least twice a year and keeps minutes of such meetings.
- The applicant organisation keeps accurate and detailed accounts.
- The applicant organisation agrees to make their accounts and minutes available to the Wellington City Council on request.0020

Appendix Two
Officer recommendations

Appendix Three
Grants applications