

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Horowhenua District Community Funding and Recognition Committee will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 10 April 2024
Time: 10:00 am
Meeting Room: Council Chambers
Venue: 126-148 Oxford St
Levin

Community Funding and Recognition Committee OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Councillor Piri-Hira Tukapua
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Karakia

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	Cease the winds from the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	Cease the winds from the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta	Let the breeze blow over the land
Kia mātaratara ki tai	Let the breeze blow over the ocean
E hī ake ana te atakura	Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.
Tīhei mauri ora!	

1 Apologies

2 Public Participation

Notification of a request to speak is required by 12 noon on the day before the meeting by phoning 06 366 0999 or emailing public.participation@horowhenua.govt.nz.

3 Late Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Council to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) The reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) The reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

4 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Meeting minutes Community Funding and Recognition Committee, 28 September 2023

5.2 Meeting minutes In Committee Meeting of Community Funding and Recognition Committee, 28 September 2023

6.1 Grants and Funding - Direction from the Committee

File No.: 24/182

1. Purpose

- 1.1 For the Community Funding and Recognition Committee to provide strategic direction to Council Officers and to discuss the proposed changes to grants and funding for the 2024-2025 financial year.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report Grants and Funding - Direction from the Committee be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 2.3 That the Committee requests officers to further develop fund category options, including clarification of fund criteria, as identified [this recommendation will likely be expanded upon as a result of the Committee's discussions].

3. Background/Previous Council Decisions

- 3.1 The draft Long Term Plan which is currently being consulted on, proposes an increase in the amount of funding available across most of the funds. This will commence in year one with a gradual increase in funding through to year 10, subject to adoption by Council.
- 3.2 Council Officers met with the Committee Chair, Councillor Tukapua towards the end of January to better understand her priorities and preliminary views on the considerations being discussed in this report. It was agreed that we would approach the Committee for discussion.
- 3.3 In year one of the proposed LTP, an additional \$30,000 has been added to the Rural Halls fund for the purposes of allocating funds towards urupā operational matters.
- 3.4 There is also a proposed increase to \$25,000.00 in funding for youth scholarships, up from the current budget of \$3,000.00 (historically that has allowed for 12 scholarships of \$250.00). Council Officers propose that the funding would provide more substantial financial support to a smaller group of recipients to support their future education or pathway.
- 3.5 These proposed changes will come into effect 1 July and Council Officers will require time to prepare new grant criteria, application forms and information for the public. If there are any changes or amendments following this meeting, Council Officers will make the relevant changes and present back to the Committee, at an additional meeting, which is yet to be set.
- 3.6 At their last meeting on 28 September 2023, the Committee could see the continued pressure on the different funds with four of our five funds oversubscribed by more than three times the amount of funding available as seen in the table below:

Fund	Round 1	Funding requested	Round 2	Funding requested
Rural Halls	\$10,000.00	\$38,387.00 - \$48,814.52	Not applicable	Not applicable
Special Projects	\$10,000.00	\$16,925.13 - \$20,252.13	Not applicable	Not applicable
Vibrant Communities	\$10,000.00	\$36,085.95 - \$40,789.45	\$10,000.00	\$25,800.00 - \$32,146.10

Community Development	\$30,000.00	\$73,993.53 - \$95,296.45	\$30,000.00	\$122,180.80 - \$140,475.88
Community and Social Services	\$30,000.00	\$70,567.57 - \$101,182.57	Not applicable	Not applicable

- 3.7 The Committee is also mindful, following their last meeting that there is still confusion within the community about which fund to apply for, in terms of criteria. This has resulted in the Committee deciding to transfer money allocations between funds in order to support the applications that fit another fund's criteria. Therefore, if the Committee deem it appropriate, this could also be an opportunity for them to review the grants programme as a whole and make any necessary changes to criteria and the application process.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 In preparation for the Committee meeting, Council Officers have identified some immediate considerations that are open for discussion.
- **Urupā Fund** - This is a new fund that will require criteria developed by Council Officers with guidance from the Committee. Council Officers are keen to understand the Committee's view on the funding being available for urupā maintenance only or for establishing new urupā as well. Officers are also interested in any other specific criteria that should be considered. At the meeting, Council Officers will circulate similar fund criteria from other local government authorities.
 - **Rural Halls Fund** – Currently, the Committee has a tier system criteria which prioritises rural halls within this fund. However, it should be noted that this fund can also be accessed by marae and other community buildings. In conjunction with the Urupā Fund, Council Officers are of the view that there is an opportunity to improve outcomes for marae and hapū by reconsidering the tier system. This may result in the Committee renaming the fund to become inclusive of any changes.
 - **Youth Scholarships** - Council Officers are of the view that the increase in funding will require a review of the criteria developed by Council Officers. Officers recommend that the Committee consider a wider reaching approach given the increase in funding which could also support rangatahi outside of an academic achievement.
 - **Criteria** – Given that the Committee may request Council Officers to draft some of the changes referenced in this report, it provides the opportunity for the Committee to consider any other changes to criteria that they deem appropriate. This could be as a result of some of the feedback received or the Committee members' own experience assessing applications.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.


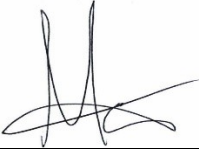


Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,

b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

Signatories

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Exclusion of the Public : Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

C1 Vibrant Communities Grant Round 2 2023-2024

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

C2 Community Development Fund R2 2023-2024

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.