

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

Date: Wednesday 2 April 2025
Time: 10:00 am
Meeting Room: Ante Room
Venue: 126-148 Oxford St
Levin

Community Funding and Recognition Committee OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Cr Nina Hori Te Pa
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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!	

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KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Kia whakairia te tapu	Restrictions are moved aside
Kia wātea ai te ara	so the pathway is clear
Kia turuki whakataha ai, kia turuki whakataha ai	To return to everyday activities
Haumi e, hui e, taiki e!	Draw together, affirm!

1 Apologies

2 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.

3 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.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Meeting minutes Community Funding and Recognition Committee, 19 February 2025

4.2 Meeting minutes Public Excluded Meeting of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee, 19 February 2025

Recommendations

That the meeting minutes of Community Funding and Recognition Committee, 19 February 2025 be accepted as a true and correct record.

That the meeting minutes of the Public Excluded Meeting Community Funding and Recognition Committee, 19 February 2025 be accepted as a true and correct record.

File No.: 25/150

6.1 Proposed Criteria for Youth Excellence Awards

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	Monique Davidson Chief Executive Officer Tumuaki

PURPOSE | TE PŪTAKE

1. This report presents a proposal to amend the criteria for the Youth Excellence Awards – Academia category.

Community Connections and Better Wellbeing.

This matter relates to Community Connections and Better Wellbeing.

Activate the key priorities within the Community Wellbeing Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TAUNAKITANGA

- A. That Report 25/150 Proposed Criteria for Youth Excellence Awards be received.
- B. That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.
- C. That following discussion at the Funding and Recognition Committee meeting, the proposed Youth Excellence Awards – Academia criteria be circulated to the three colleges for their feedback before the Committee making its final decision.
- D. That the Funding and Recognition Committee approve, in principle, the proposed changes to the Youth Excellence Awards – Academia criteria, subject to feedback from the three colleges.

BACKGROUND | HE KŌRERO TŪĀPAPA

2. Established in 2004, the Horowhenua Youth Excellence Awards are presented annually to recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people across the following categories:
 - Community Service – Outstanding service and contribution to the community
 - Excellence in Sport – High performance and achievement in sports.
 - Excellence in Academia – Outstanding academic success.
 - Excellence in Art and Culture – Notable contributions in the arts and cultural fields.
3. These awards not only acknowledge young people’s achievements but also provide support and encouragement for their continued success.

4. For the last couple of years, there has been some discussion about the level of information that is provided to support 'Excellence in Academia' applications to ensure consistency and provide an equal and fair opportunity to all.
5. Therefore, at the Community Funding and Recognition Committee meeting on 25 September 2024, Deputy Mayor Allan expressed an interest and ability in reviewing and refining the criteria and process for the 'Excellence in Academia' category.

DISCUSSION | HE MATAPAKINGA

6. Cr David Allan has provided Officers with the following verbatim draft revised criteria and process for consideration:

Proposed Criteria for Excellence in Academia

7. *That awards are based on the academic progress of students as measured by agreed criteria (if agreed other criteria such as effort/diligence etc. would therefore be irrelevant).*
8. *That the three colleges forward the same information based on the following headings.*
 - 8.1. *Number of excellences and merits at NCEA levels 2 and 3.*
 - 8.2. *Number (and subject list) of subject endorsements at NCEA levels 1, 2 and 3.*
 - 8.3. *At what level (merit and excellence the student achieved NCEA 1 and 2).*
 - 8.4. *A ranking of students from each college and could include special awards from each college based strictly on academic criteria.*
 - 8.5. *Any other relevant academic qualifications gained while at college e.g. university papers.*
9. *We welcome feedback on the above, noting that the aim is to agree on common criteria across all three colleges so that the process can be as fair, consistent and transparent as possible”.*
10. There remains the option for the Committee to retain the existing criteria and process, and not implementing the suggested changes as discussed within this report.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAWHITI PĀRONGO ME TE MAHI

11. The updated Youth Excellence Awards – Academia criteria will be shared with all three colleges before nominations open in 2025 to ensure they are informed and prepared for the changes.

NEXT STEPS | HEI MAHI

12. Council officers will:
 - 12.1. Share the finalised criteria will the three colleges before the 2025 nomination period begins.
 - 12.2. Update the criteria on the Council website, application forms and SmartyGrants system to reflect the approved changes.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with sections 76 – 79 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their advantages and disadvantages, 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.

ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRINGA KŌRERO

There are no appendices for this report

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 Youth Empowerment Fund 2024-2025 - Q1 Applications

Reason:	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.
Interests:	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.
Grounds:	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.
Plain English Reason:	This report contains applications for funding which include personal details..

C2 Urupā Whānau Maintenance Fund

Reason:	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.
Interests:	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.
Grounds:	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.
Plain English Reason:	This report includes funding applicant details, including bank account details, names and addresses which is not in the public interest to disclose. The names of successful applicants and thier projects will be released after this meeting.

C3 Community Events and Programmes Fund 2024-2025, R2

Reason:	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.
Interests:	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.
Grounds:	s48(1)(a)

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