
Community Funding and Recognition Committee

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Minutes of a meeting of Community Funding and Recognition Committee held in the Ante Room, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 25 March 2026 at 10:00 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Councillor Nina Hori Te Pa
Councillors	Councillor David Allan Councillor Jo Mason His Worship the Mayor Bernie Wanden

IN ATTENDANCE

Youth Advisors	Elizabeth Close Ariyah Windley	
Reporting Officer	Mark Hammond Julia Atkins Laura Fisher	Community Facilities and Services Manager Community Development Team Lead Community Development Adviser
Meeting Secretary	Alice Petersen	Democracy Support Officer

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Jo Mason declared a conflict of interest in relation to an application from Skills4Living for item C3 Community Events and Programmes Fund - R2 - 2025-2026 and did not take part in debate or discussion of these applications.

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

Procedural motion to exclude the public

Resolution Number CFARC/2026/1

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

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 - 2025/2026

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 - 2025/2026

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 their projects will be released after this meeting.

C3 Community Events and Programmes Fund - R2 - 2025-2026

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 their projects will be released after this meeting.

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

CARRIED

10.05 pm The public were excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

After discussing the confidential applications and making a decision the committee resolved to release the public excluded minutes to the public.

C1 Youth Empowerment Fund - 2025/2026

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

This report was presented to discuss applications received for the early applications of quarter one of the Youth Empowerment Fund 2025/2026 and decide on funding allocations.

Resolution Number CFARC/2026/2

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Mason:

- A. That Report 26/122 Youth Empowerment Fund - 2025/2026 be received.
- B. That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act

CARRIED

It was noted that one of the applications was submitted by a family member of a Councillor; officers advised this did not present a conflict of interest, as the Councillor is not a member of the committee and does not participate in its decision making.

Officers introduced the report and welcomed the youth advisors to the meeting. The committee watched the video clips submitted by the youth applicants. Members commented that it was valuable to see the applicants directly, noting their passion and enthusiasm.

Resolution Number CFARC/2026/3

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

- C. That the Committee approve the following grants for the Youth Empowerment Fund:

Applicant:	Amount awarded:
Taylah Seng	\$500.00
Kasra Mitchell-Kouttab	\$500.00
Ellah Haerewa	\$500.00
Total:	\$1500.00

CARRIED

Resolution Number CFARC/2026/4

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Mason:

That these minutes be released from Public Excluded business at the close of this meeting.

CARRIED

Youth Advisors Elizabeth Close and Ariyah Windley left the meeting at 10.19am.

C2 Urupā (Whānau) Maintenance Fund - 2025/2026

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

This report was presented to discuss applications received for Round 1 of the Urupā Whānau Maintenance Fund 2025-2026 and decide on funding allocations.

Resolution Number CFARC/2026/5

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report 26/119 Urupā (Whānau) Maintenance Fund - 2025/2026 be received.
- B. That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Resolution Number CFARC/2026/6

MOVED by Cr Hori Te Pa, seconded Cr Allan:

- C. That the Committee approve the following grants for the Urupā (Whānau) Maintenance Fund:

Applicant:	Amount awarded:
Whānau Urupā- Mete	\$500.00
Te Kapa	\$500.00
Kikopiri Whānau Urupā	\$500.00
Raumatangi	\$500.00
Total:	\$2000.00

CARRIED

Resolution Number CFARC/2026/7

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Cr Hori Te Pa:

That these minutes be released from Public Excluded business at the close of this meeting

CARRIED

While discussing applications that committee noted it would be encouraging to see applications indicate they intend to purchase goods from local businesses.

C3 Community Events and Programmes Fund - R2 - 2025-2026

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

1. To discuss applications received for Round 2 of the Community Events and Programmes Fund 2025-2026 and decide on funding allocations.

Resolution Number CFARC/2026/8

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

- A. That Report 26/120 Community Events and Programmes Fund - R2 - 2025-2026 be received.
- B. That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act

CARRIED

Resolution Number CFARC/2026/9

MOVED by Cr Hori Te Pa, seconded Cr Allan:

- C. That the Committee approve the following grants for the Community Events and Programmes Fund - R2:

Applicant:	Amount awarded:
Momentum Charitable Trust	\$2,460.00
Living Well Counselling Centre	\$2,050.00
Horowhenua Hockey Association	\$1,000.00
Legacy Centre Levin	\$4,000.00
Te Roopu Taiao o Ngāti Whakare Trust	\$5,700.00
ChangeMakers Resettlement Forum (Levin Branch)	\$1,000.00
Horowhenua District Health Transportation Trust	\$5,000.00
Kotuku Sea Scout Group	\$3,000.00
Waitārere Beach Development Association Incorporated	\$1,250.00
People First New Zealand Inc. - Ngā Tāngata Tuatahi	\$2,200.00
Alzheimers Manawatu	\$3,000.00
Ohau Hall Committee	\$2,704.00
Manawatu Horowhenua and Tararua Diabetes Trust	\$2,000.00
Levin Uniting - Church and Community Centre	\$2,854.00
LOVED 4 LIFE™	\$1,000.00
Canine Friends Pet Therapy Foxton/Levin area	\$800.00
Skills4Living	\$1,038.00
CCS Disability Action Services Ltd	\$3,500.00

CARRIED

Resolution Number CFARC/2026/10

MOVED by Cr Mason, seconded Cr Allan:

That these minutes be released from Public Excluded business at the close of this meeting

CARRIED

11.43 am

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF COMMUNITY FUNDING AND
RECOGNITION COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:

CHAIRPERSON: