
REPORT 5
(1215/52/IM)

HERITAGE GRANTS

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the allocation of grants to applicants in the July round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, as assessed by Council officers.

2. Executive Summary

In October 2006 the criteria and conditions of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund were presented to and approved by the Strategy and Policy Committee. The latest round of applications closed at the end of July. Three applications were received seeking funds in excess of \$560,000. It is proposed to offer grants to two applicants, with fund allocation totalling approximately \$62,500 from the total yearly fund of \$250,000. This report sets out details of the applications received and the recommendations of Council officers in respect to allocating the grants.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to the allocation of grants to applicants in the July round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, as assessed by Council officers.*

4. Background

The Built Heritage Incentive Fund is a key initiative of the Built Heritage Policy, which was adopted by Council in June 2005. The policy aims to demonstrate Council's "*renewed commitment to the City's built heritage to current owners, the community, visitors to the city and future generations*". Other key initiatives in the policy are improving statutory protection for the built heritage and creating more heritage areas in the city and suburbs.

The purpose of the fund is to help people conserve, restore and protect aspects of Wellington's built heritage for the enjoyment and benefit of current and future generations. It is intended that grants from the fund will help meet some of the additional costs associated with owning and caring for a heritage property.

In October 2006 the Built Heritage Incentive Fund report was presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee. The report set out the criteria and conditions for the fund and proposed a degree of flexibility in how funds were allocated. The first round of the grant was advertised for applications to reach the Council by the end of November 2006.

There is \$250,000 available for grants per financial year. This is the first round of three rounds for this financial year.

5. Discussion

5.1 Applications received

Three applications have been received, requesting funding of over \$560,000. Council officers have reviewed applications and determined that two applications meet the criteria set out in the Built Heritage Incentive Fund report approved by Committee in October 2006.

An application was received from Victoria University. However, as the university is a Crown entity, the application did not meet the funding criteria and therefore was declined.

Appendix I contains a summary of all applications received.

5.2 Funding allocation

Once applications are deemed to meet the qualifying criteria, a number of factors are then considered in determining the level of importance of the project. These include:

- the risk of the heritage value diminishing if funding is not granted
- a good level of confidence in the proposed quality of the work/professional advice
- funding would acknowledge additional costs associated with the listing of a heritage item
- applicant would not be financially able to undertake this project without assistance
- project is visible and/or accessible to the public
- project will provide a benefit to the community.

Having ascertained the level of importance of the project, further factors are considered in determining the level of funding appropriate for each application. These factors include:

- the value of the funding request
- the value of the funding request when considered against the total project cost
- the value of discrete stages of the project relating to immediate risk

- the limited amount of funding available for allocation and the need to ensure that there are funds remaining to allocate in any following rounds.

5.3 Officer's consideration

A discussion of each of the applications is set out below:

Project:	Sai Centre, 8 Daniell St, Newtown
Applicant:	Sathya Sai Service Organisation of Wellington Inc
Description:	The project is for the restoration and refurbishment of this 1904 two-storey timber Masonic Lodge building. The building is to be listed as part of District Plan Change 53.
Total Project Cost:	\$592,779
Grant request:	\$250,000
Officer comments:	<p>The grant will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help to protect the heritage values of the building • acknowledge additional costs associated with owning a listed building.

The project is visible and accessible to the public and it will provide a benefit to the community.

The grant will be offered on the conditions that:

- more detailed drawings of the mezzanine floor insertion are to be supplied to conservation architect for approval
- all proposed work that affects heritage fabric is to be agreed and signed off by conservation architect prior to commencement of work.

In March 2007 a grant was offered and accepted to fund professional conservation advice to ensure that this restoration and refurbishment is carried out in a manner that respects the heritage significance of the property. Consequently a conservation architect has been involved in the project.

Past funding for projects of this nature (i.e. size and cost) has been up to \$50,000. Futuna Chapel was granted \$50,000 in the November 2006 grant round. While both projects are comparable in cost,

Futuna has greater cultural heritage significance as a nationally important listed and Category I registered building. This difference is reflected in the recommended grant allocation.

Project: St Mary of the Angels Parish Church, 17 Boulcott St, Wellington

Applicant: St Mary of the Angels Parish

Description: This project is for the investigative and design stages of earthquake strengthening of this 1919 church, listed on the district plan and registered Category I with the NZ Historic Places Trust.

Total Project Cost: \$61,875

Grant request: \$61,875

Officer comments: The church is a very significant building in the central city.

The grant will:

- help to protect the heritage values of the building
- acknowledge additional costs associated with owning a listed building.

The project is highly visible and accessible to the public and it will provide a benefit to the community.

The following grant condition (6) applies to this proposal:

Funding for conservation reports, technical advice and for domestic fire protection systems will be generally up to a maximum of \$10,000.

The grant will be offered on the conditions that:

- any proposed work should be undertaken in consultation with a conservation architect. This includes the evaluation process and the development of structural solutions.

6. Conclusion

The Built Heritage Incentive Fund is a key initiative of the Built Heritage Policy and demonstrates Council's ongoing commitment to protect and conserve the City's heritage.

Officers consider that it is prudent to allocate approximately one third of the annual budget each grant round as there is no way to predict the response for each round.

Fewer applications were received this grant round than in previous rounds. On careful consideration of the proposals it is considered appropriate to allocate a smaller proportion of funding for this round.

It is recommended that funds for this round are allocated in the following way:

Project	Total Project Cost	Grant requested	Grant Proposed
Sai Centre, 8 Daniell St, Newtown	\$592,779.00	\$250,000.00	\$40,000.00
St Mary of the Angels Parish Church, 17 Boulcott St, Wellington	\$61,875.00	\$61,875.00	\$10,000.00
Total	\$654,654.00	\$311,875.00	\$50,000.00

Contact Officer: *Alexandra Teague, Urban Designer-Heritage*

Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

This initiative supports Council's overall vision of Creative Wellington – Innovation Capital. It has a direct link to the Urban Development Strategy, has links with the Transport and the Culture Well-Being Strategies.

This initiative supports the second highest strategic priority - high quality urban design. It also contributes to the delivery of other strategic priorities:

- *Protection of sense of place*

High quality urban design contributes to the following Council outcomes:

Outcome 1: More liveable – by developing and maintaining a high quality public environment

Outcome 2: Stronger sense of place – by integrating sense of place into asset management, by enhancing the role of the city as Capital, by ensuring high quality built design and by conserving the city's heritage.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Council has agreed to \$250,000 being allocated to this project in the 2006-07 year. This is proposed to be increased to \$350,000 in on going years.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

N/A

4) Decision-Making

This decision shows Council's commitment to raising the profile of this important initiative.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Consultation has occurred as part of the development of the Built Heritage Policy.

b) Consultation with Maori

N/A

6) Legal Implications

N/A

7) Consistency with existing policy

This initiative is consistent with existing Council policy.

Appendix 1

Summary of Applications Received

Organisation Name	Project Description	Venue	Total Cost	Amount Requested
Sathya Sai Service Organisation of Wellington Inc	Restoration and refurbishment	Sai Centre, 8 Daniell St Newtown	\$592,779.00	\$250,000.00
St Mary of the Angels Parish Church	Investigative and design stages of earthquake strengthening	St Mary of the Angels Church, 17 Boulcott St	\$61,875.00	\$61,875.00
Victoria University of Wellington Facilities Mgmt	Restore the exterior facades of Hunter Building	Hunter Building, Kelburn Parade	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Total			\$904,654.00	\$561,875.00

Summary of Previous Funding Allocations

Built Heritage Incentive Fund Grants (November 2006)

Project	Description of Grant Component of Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Request	Grant Proposed
Rita Angus Cottage: Thorndon Trust	Painting kitchen interior	1,113.75	1,113.75	1,113.75
'Boxhill,' 38 Box Hill, Khandallah: Michael M Timmer	Brick and associated wall repair, consultant fees	9,700	9,700	5,000
'Fernhill,' 15 Fernhill Tce, Wadestown: Jacqueline Matthews	Conservation of windows, fence, weatherboards, gate; painting	33,100	33,100	10,000
St Christopher's Seatoun Strathmore Presbyterian Church	Stained glass restoration and protection	47,120	47,120	10,000
Tower Building, 50-64 Customhouse Quay: Maurice Clark	Façade restoration: crack sealing, window & joint resealing	268,875	156,375	20,000
St Barnabas Church, Roseneath: The Friends of St Barnabas Roseneath Charitable Trust	Sprinklers; conservation of front entry, spire, interior porch, foyer	360,000	92,470	30,000
Futuna Chapel: Friends of Futuna Charitable Trust	Purchase and refurbishment	575,000	80,000	50,000
Victoria House Student Hostel, 276 The Terrace: Victoria House Inc.	Piling, over-cladding, timber replacement, exterior repairs, structural engineering	1,468,169	72,524.72	25,000
Total		2,763,077.75	492,403.47	151,113.75

Built Heritage Incentive Fund Grants (March 2007)

Project	Description of Grant Component of Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Request	Grant Proposed
Erskine College, 25-31 Avon St, Island Bay: Save Erskine College Trust Inc.	Conservation report to guide garden restoration	3,426	3,426	3,426
41 Palmer Street, Aro Valley Wellington: Hamish Dahya	Painting exterior of cottage	4,900	2,450	2,450
Mount Street Cemetery Wellington: Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Wellington	Consultant fees to review existing Conservation Plan and write new Conservation Plan	10,248.75	8,248.75	8,248.75
19 Simla Crescent: Amanda Rider	Conservation report to establish heritage significance	22,217	11,108	1,000
288 Cuba Street: Keith Powell	Restoration. Includes RC fees, conservation plan, architects fees, re-piling.	27,915.19	27,915.19	27,915.19
26 Stoke St, Newtown: Simon Bachler	Replacement of roof	31,752	31,752	20,000
Sai Centre, 8 Daniell St, Newtown: Sathya Sai Service Organisation of Wellington	Conservation plan to guide restoration and refurbishment	507,664.87	100,000	10,000
Total		608,123.81	184,899.94	73,039.94