
REPORT 1

SOCIAL AND RECREATION FUND OCTOBER 2013

1. Purpose of report

Provides recommendations for the distribution of the Council's Social and Recreation Fund for the round.

2. Executive summary

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 2013 review of the grant criteria highlighted the need to move away from generic criteria in favour of specific criteria for each grant fund. While each pool may share a number of criteria, others would be tailored to suit the particular demands of that community of interest and relevant Council outcomes.

In June 2013 four new grant funds were established; the Our Living City Fund, the Business Improvement District Development Fund, the Arts and Culture Fund, and the Social and Recreation Fund.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Community, Sport and Recreation Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to fund the applicants as listed in Appendix 2.*

4. Background

Changes to the criteria for the Social and Recreation fund was about updating focus areas to ensure they contribute to our strategic direction and reflected key social policies, such as the Positive Ageing Policy, Accessible Wellington Action Plan, Te Mahana and Our Volunteer Capital.

The criteria changes included scope to support social entrepreneurialism, prioritising neighbourhood activity, and supporting the strategic planning of sports codes.

The criteria and focus areas (priorities) for the Social and Recreation Fund is included as Appendix 1.

5. Discussion

These funds provide grants to community organisations for projects that meet the criteria for the fund (Appendix 1).

This is the second of three funding rounds for 2013-14. In the first funding round (which closed 31 July 2013) \$99,800 was allocated to 28 projects. This included support for 8 Residents/Progressive Associations.

There are 48 applications to the Social and Recreation Fund in this funding round, organisations are requesting a total of \$366,880.

In addition there is one application from Wellington Nightshelter Trust for an increase in contract funding. Current funding for the trust (2013/14) is \$35,360.

Funding available for allocation in this round will include half of the \$19,000 allocated to the Social and Recreation Fund from the Wellington Stadium Trust fee which has been assigned to the fund, the balance of which will be allocated in the third and final funding round of 2013/14 which will close on 13 March 2014.

5.1 Application Assessment

Officers' recommendations (Appendix 2) are based on evidence of need, alignment with the Council's strategic goals, the fund criteria (Appendix 1) and the likely effectiveness of funding the project. Officers also take into account the management of previous funding (through accountability reports).

The assessment process may include consultation with; the applicant, persons or organisations referred to in the application, Council officers from across the organisation, and persons operating or knowledgeable about similar services to that of the applicant. Applicants are given five working days where possible to respond to a request for more information, so some recommendations may be

subject to change depending on responses received after this report has been written.

To ensure funds are used appropriately, conditions may be suggested in certain circumstances should funding be approved. This is usually in cases where applicants need to use funds for a specific aspect of their budget or they are awaiting confirmation of sufficient funds from other sources to proceed with their project. These will be highlighted at the Committee meeting.

The original information provided through online application has been made available to members of the Committee.

The recommendations (Appendix 2) give each applicant's organisation name, a brief project description, the total project cost, amount requested and general comments from Council Officers.

6. Conclusion

The Community, Sport and Recreation Committee is asked to consider the applications received for the Social and Recreation Fund and decide whether or not it is appropriate to fund the applicant, and at what level.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

Wellington City Council Grants support communities to deliver on Council's strategic outcomes.

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

*The Long Term Plan makes provision for community grants in several places - 2.1.6 - Community environmental initiatives, 3.1.4 - Grants and creative workforce, 4.1.4 - Cultural grants (Arts and Culture), and 5.2.4 - Grants (Social and Recreation).
The Social and Recreational Fund under C678.*

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Any grants application that could have implications for Maori are referred to WCC Treaty Relations Office for recommendations. For each of these grant funds there are specific criteria and questions relating to Maori.

4) Decision-making

This is not a significant decision.

5) Consultation

a) General consultation

Council Officers engage and consult widely with a range of groups and organisations before funding applications are made and throughout the assessment process.

b) Consultation with Maori N/A

6) Legal implications

N/A

7) Consistency with existing policy

Council funds have been created to assist community initiatives in line with Council strategy.

Criteria

The Social and Recreation Fund supports projects that contribute to our strategic direction and include scope to support social entrepreneurialism, prioritising neighbourhood activity, and supporting the strategic planning of sports codes.

Local residents and progressive associations can also be supported through this fund.

Fund objectives

To foster strong, sustainable communities and support building capacity in the community.

Criteria

Your project makes a positive contribution to achieving the Council's Strategic outcomes:

Towards 2040: Smart Capital strategy

- People Centred City: Contributes to healthy, vibrant, affordable and resilient communities, with a strong sense of identity and 'place' expressed through urban form, openness and accessibility.
- Connected City: Supports a city with easy physical and virtual access to regional, national and global networks.
- Eco-City: Allows the city to proactively respond to environmental challenges and seize opportunities to grow the green economy.
- Dynamic Central City: Supports a central city of creativity, exploration and innovation, helping Wellington to offer the lifestyle, entertainment and amenity of a much bigger city.

Long Term Plan 2012-22 priorities:

- An inclusive place where talent wants to live
- A resilient city
- A well managed city
- Annual Plan priorities for the relevant year.

The project is Wellington-based and mainly benefits the people of Wellington (exceptions may be made for projects based elsewhere in the region, but which significantly benefit Wellington City residents).

The applicant is a legally constituted community group or organisation

The applicant provides evidence of sound financial management, good employment practice, clear and detailed planning, clear performance measures, and reporting processes.

The applicant outlines how physical accessibility has been built into project development.

The applicant outlines how pricing has been set to ensure access by a wide range of people or by the intended users.

The project should show evidence of community support, collaboration, and building partnerships with other organisations (e.g. social media interest, letters of support from other organisations/leaders).

The applicant must show that the project discernibly improves community wellbeing and adds value to the range of similar types of services in the community.

Māori are often over-represented in many determinants of social deprivation. Outline whether and how the specific needs of Māori have been incorporated into the planning of your project.

Emergent and innovative community projects can be supported through this fund. Applicants that apply under this category will need to demonstrate the transformative nature of the project.

Focus Areas

Build capability and capacity within the community

Priority will be given to projects that:

- strengthen the local community, address local issues, strengthen and contribute to social wellbeing
- Support volunteers and foster skill development and training for the community.

Promote personal and community safety

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Support community activity that enhances Wellington as an International Safe Community
- Support projects that enhance community safety and/or personal safety.

Physically active communities encouraging health and wellbeing

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Target communities of interest, including youth and seniors.
- Support the strategic planning of sports codes

Youth

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Involve young people in the development and delivery of the project
- Help young people gain a better understanding of community, an increased sense of belonging as active citizens and positive contributors to society
- Promote volunteer opportunities for young people.

Community Preparedness

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Strengthen local neighbourhood connectedness in an ongoing manner
- Increase community resilience and emergency preparedness locally

Criteria for Residents and Progressive Association applicants

The organisation must:

- be registered with Wellington City Council Community Services as a residents/progressive association, contact our Senior Advisor Funding and Relationships on 803 8525
- have a committee
- meet at least twice a year and keep minutes of these meetings
- have an active membership of 10 or more, excluding the committee
- keep accurate and detailed accounts
- agree to make their accounts and minutes available to Wellington City Council on request.

When submitting an application Residents and Progressive Associations should give a summary of their current membership, meeting pattern (e.g. monthly) and provide a copy of minutes from recent meetings.

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Appl No	Organisation Name	Project Description	Total Cost	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount	Comments
1	Alzheimers Wellington Inc.	Education and support services to people affected by dementia.	\$36,574	\$6,574	\$0	Not a close fit with criteria. low priority for Council funding given pressure on available funding.
2	Aro Valley Community Council Inc	Sit and Be fit Classes 2014	\$3,362	\$2,462	\$1,231	Contribution to costs of programme aimed at seniors in Te Aro, good delivery to the 'physically active communities encouraging health and wellbeing' focus area.
3	Arthritis Foundation of New Zealand Inc	Wellington Volunteer Programme	\$19,698	\$10,000	\$0	Not a close fit with criteria. low priority for Council funding given pressure on available funds
4	Autism Intervention Trust	2014 Holiday programmes for children with autism	\$61,147	\$10,000	\$7,000	Support for holiday programme which addresses inclusion of young people with autism and support for their whanau.
5	Berhampore School 3G	Basketball hoop for Berhampore School	\$736	\$556	\$556	Community project encouraging activity and sport from school grounds. Good delivery to the 'physically active communities encouraging health and wellbeing' focus area.
6	Berhampore School 3G	New barkchips for Berhampore school playground	\$1,560	\$1,380	\$0	Schools are responsible for safety of their own playgrounds, low fit with criteria.

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7	Capital Gymnastics Club Inc.	Landing Mats	\$21,448	\$21,448	\$0	Have supported this group in the past, need to factor in equipment costs from user charges, low priority for Council funding.
8	Carolyn McKeefry Dance Academy	Dance exercise classes	\$2,453	\$1,003	\$0	Low fit with criteria given pressure on available funding, explore user charges.
9	Challenge 2000	Summer Youth Worker 2013	\$1,204,000	\$9,120	\$0	Low priority given pressure on available funding and commitment to organisation and others working with young people (through contract funding).
10	Emerge Supported Employment Trust	Transition Programme 2014	\$82,110	\$10,000	\$0	Services supported directly through Government not seen as a role for Council funding.
11	English Language Partners Wellington	English Language Groups	\$3,973	\$2,973	\$2,973	Contribution to costs of community delivered classes in Eastern suburbs addressing inclusion, fits the 'support volunteers and foster skill development and training for the community' focus area.
12	Footy for All Charitable Trust	Street Football	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Volunteer driven project bringing diverse people together through soccer, good delivery to the 'physically active communities encouraging health and wellbeing' focus area. Explore potential for development of programme with Officers.

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13	Hataitai Residents' Association Inc	Residents Association Funding Support	\$4,981	\$1,500	\$1,500	Operational support for local residents association.
14	Inspiring Stories Trust	Community Media Hub	\$94,000	\$12,000	\$0	Lower priority given pressure on available funding, Council's Toi Poneke arts centre provides some services/space for collaboration.
15	Johnsonville Club Inc	Northern Suburbs Christmas Tree Lighting	\$2,230	\$2,230	\$0	Low priority given pressure on available funding, club well placed to support costs through trading activity.
16	Lions Club Of Karori Charitable Trust	Karori Lions Karnival & Fair	\$2,146	\$2,146	\$1,500	Support for volunteer run community event in Karori.
17	Living Streets Aotearoa Inc	Walk 2 Work Day 2014	\$10,500	\$4,800	\$2,000	Further support for event in addition to Council (Transport) commitment of \$3,500. Council can also help promote the event.
18	Manymeans	The Whenua Ora Place of Wellbeing Project	\$36,450	\$5,750	\$0	Poor fit with criteria for Council funding, therapeutic programme.
19	MCLaSS: Multicultural Learning and Support Services	Empowering refugee parents to participate in their children's learning through school-based ESOL classes	\$16,190	\$8,000	\$6,000	Support for project addressing barriers and inclusion, partnership with school, fits the 'support volunteers and foster skill development and training for the community' focus area.
20	Newlands Community House Inc	Newlands Community House 30 Year Celebration	\$1,029	\$1,029	\$0	Lower priority given pressure on available funding. Council can help promote appeal for former users through its marketing channels.

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21	Newtown Community & Cultural Centre	Wellington Timebank	\$52,273	\$12,500	\$10,000	Contribution to Timebank co-ordination fits the 'support volunteers and foster skill development and training for the community' focus area. Working towards a more sustainable business model.
22	Newtown Residents Association Inc	Newtown Community Garden	\$2,386	\$2,186	\$2,000	Support for establishment of community run garden at Carrera Park, good delivery to the 'physically active communities encouraging health and wellbeing' focus area and around community preparedness.
23	Newtown Residents Association Inc	Russell Terrace Basketball Court Upgrade	\$0	-	\$0	Council will assist through business as usual, site is Council asset.
24	New World Churton Park	Churton Park Summer Festival	\$8,745	\$4,845	\$1,245	Contribution to costs associated with community event at Churton Park. Supports the focus area 'strengthen the local community, address local issues, strengthen and contribute to social wellbeing.'
25	NZART Branch 63 Upper Hutt Amateur Radio Club	New PRS Radio Repeater	\$3,560	\$3,560	\$0	Suggest the group request support /discuss the need for the project with MCDEM and WREMO
26	NZ Council of Victim Support Groups - Wellington	Service Delivery to Victims of Crime & Trauma	\$93,880	\$12,000	\$9,000	Key partner in delivering an emergency welfare response and in assisting victims of crime

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27	Parafed Wellington Incorporated	Wheelchair Basketball	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$4,000	Contribution to coaching, co-ordination and equipment, good delivery to the 'physically active communities encouraging health and wellbeing' focus area.
28	Rotary Club of Courtenay Place	Annual Big Dig on Oriental Parade Beach	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$500	Contribution to volunteer run community event, Council can help promote the event.
29	Rotary Club of Harbour City Wellington Inc	Great Harbour Way Miramar Cyclovia	\$24,500	\$17,000	\$0	Big request for one off event given pressure on available funding.
30	Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Inc	Wellington Ocean Sports safety equipment	\$14,154	\$14,154	\$0	Low priority given pressure on available funding, supported last year, programme has ongoing funding and is supported by Officers.
31	Scots College Incorporated	Scots College Football Club 2014 Pre Season Football Tournament	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$0	Soccer tournament for four colleges, previously supported by NZ Football, low priority given number of high school tournaments held on sports fields in the city.
32	Slackline Festivals New Zealand	1st Slackline Festival New Zealand	\$1,281	\$981	\$0	Event planned for early December, not a close fit with priorities; need to work in with City Events in future.
33	Suzanne Aubert Compassion Centre Wellington Ltd	Wellington City Street Outreach Training Schedule	\$20,000	\$17,840	\$0	Officers will look at options for support through operational budgets.

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34	Tawa College	Tawa Youth Transition	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$0	Local benefit in Tawa. Application be transferred to Tawa Community grants for consideration in early 2014.
35	Tawa Leisure Marchers	Support for Tawa Leisure Marchers	\$1,680	\$1,680	\$1,000	Support for project which delivers on focus area; having 'physically active communities encouraging health and well-being', with seniors.
36	Tawa Rugby football club	Synthetic turf	\$161,141	\$15,000	\$0	Capital items have not generally been supported in the past through community grants, nor have improvements to assets on Council land- Tennis Courts are leased from Council.
37	Te Whare Rokiroki (Maori Women's Refuge)	Social Worker	\$46,800	\$18,800	\$0	Application needs further development - work with Officers and resubmit in the next funding round in March 2014.
38	The Family Space Charitable Trust	Term 1 & 2 2014 Playgroups	\$10,164	\$1,354	\$0	Playgroups are supported by Ministry of Education, low priority given pressure on available funding.
39	The Salvation Army New Zealand - Youth 614 Youth Services Wellington	Wellington 614 Youth Services – Emergency Transitional Housing	\$127,832	\$22,000	\$10,000	Contribution to this service which provides a safety net for young people, link to Te Mahana. Delivers to the 'strengthen the local community, address local issues and contribute to social wellbeing' focus area.

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40	The Winner's Edge	The Winner's Edge	\$4,150	\$3,750	\$0	Not a close fit with criteria. New school based leadership programme, high schools generally fund their own leadership days and programmes.
41	Toy Library Federation of New Zealand Inc	Promotional resources for toy libraries	\$3,020	\$3,000	\$0	Low priority given pressure on available funding and nature of application, we generally support local toy libraries with costs of replacing toys (on a 50/50 basis).
42	Volunteer Wellington	Providing professional development for those organising volunteer programmes in Wellington and districts.	\$23,300	\$11,300	\$0	Low priority given pressure on available funding, Council supports the organisation (with contract funding), membership for community centres and partners on Our Volunteer Capital projects.
43	Wadestown Toy Library	Replace toys	\$572	\$550	\$275	50/50 contribution to toys for community use, delivery to the 'strengthen the local community, address local issues, contribute to social wellbeing' focus area.
44	Wellington Deaf Society Inc	Staff wages & operational cost	\$21,340	\$21,340	\$6,000	Contribution to operational costs for organisation working with deaf community. Good delivery to the 'strengthen the local community, address local issues, contribute to social wellbeing' focus area.

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45	Wellington Rape Crisis Incorporated	Wellington Rape Crisis	\$65,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	Support for important local service, contribution to operational costs for the year. Good delivery to the 'strengthen the local community, address local issues, contribute to social wellbeing' and the 'support volunteers and foster skill development and...
46	Wellington Regional 2020 Communications Trust, Trading as Wellington ICT	Media for Connective Community	\$18,000	\$1,800	\$1,800	Contribution to community ICT project, good delivery to the 'support volunteers and foster skill development and training for the community' focus area.
47	Youthline Wellington Incorporated	Youthline Wellington Coordinators Salaries & Youthline's Ongoing Education Programme	\$149,885	\$30,000	\$8,000	Contribution to operational costs for the year, volunteer training and support for local groups working with youth, supports 'build capacity and capability focus area- 'support volunteers and foster skill development and training for the community.'

Late Residents Association Application

	Johnsonville Community Association Incorporated	Running the Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	Awaiting accountability on previous grant, can reapply for support in the next funding round in March 2014.
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Totals: \$2,485,151 \$370,011 \$91,580

Other Applications for consideration: Social & Recreation Fund- Contract Funding October 2013							
	Organisation	Project/Event Title	Total Project Cost	Current Contract Funding (13/14)	Request, in addition to current contract funding	Recommendation	Comments
	Wellington Nightshelter Trust	Application for increased funding for Nightshelter services - providing emergency and transitional accommodation for homeless men.	\$467,000	\$35,360	\$94,640	\$50,360	Support with an additional \$15,000 of funding for the remainder of 2013/14 financial year (to 30 June 2014) to reflect increased operational costs. Reconsider this application and request for additional funding including support for social worker position for 14/15 onwards in April 2014 when Community, Support and Recreation Committee consider applications to the Social and Recreation Fund.