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**REPORT 3**  
(1215/52/IM)

## **SCHOOL POOLS PARTNERSHIP FUND ALLOCATIONS 2011/12**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

To seek the Strategy and Policy Committee's approval for the allocation of grant funding for the School Pools Partnership Fund 2011/12 .

The Grants Subcommittee at its meeting on 21 November 2011 considered the funding to applicant organisations for the 2010/11 School Pools Partnership Fund, distributed the available funding accordingly and agreed to make recommendations to Strategy and Policy Committee (see Appendix 2).

### **2. Recommendation**

The Grants Subcommittee recommends that the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to funding The Swimming Trust of Wellington Inc- Wellington East Girls College - \$450,000 from the 2011/12 School Pools Partnership Fund.*

### **3. Background School Pools Partnership Fund**

The Council approved the Community Facilities Policy on 29 June 2010. The policy guides the future provision of community facilities including swimming pools within the city. This School Pools Partnership Fund was established as part of this Community Facilities Policy and aims to improve access to and uptake of learn-to-swim, aquatic education, sport and enjoyment by local communities. By providing grants to upgrade school pools Council aims to increase the total available pool capacity and aquatic programme opportunities throughout the city.

\$500,000 is available for distribution in 2011/12. Four applications were received for this 2011/12 round from Berhampore School, Makara Model School, The Swimming Trust of Wellington Inc (Wellington East Girls College) and Te Aro School.

The grant round closed on 31 March 2011. Applicants requested a total of \$1,272,766. Grants over \$50,000 are subject to the approval of the Strategy and Policy Committee.

## **4. Discussion**

### **4.1 Rationale for decision making**

The following principles and criteria have been derived from the framework and its rationale. They have been developed as a guide for the recommendations contained in this paper, officers applied the following rationale in their decision making.

#### School Pools Partnership Fund criteria

Officers have conducted an assessment of all four applications against the criteria, attached as Appendix 1.

### **4.2 Application Assessment**

Officers' recommendations to the Grants sub-committee (Appendix 2) were based on evidence of need, alignment with the Council's strategic goals and the grants and additional School Pools Partnership Fund criteria (Appendix 1) which lists each applicant organisation name, a brief project description, the total project cost, amount requested and general comments from the Grants Team.

Tags to ensure funds are used appropriately are 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 need to provide further information.

### **4.3 Allocation of Funding**

The recommendations of the Grants subcommittee are included in Appendix 2.

The School Pools Partnership Fund has \$500,000 available to allocate in this second year, with the next round (2012/13) scheduled for a closing date of 31 October 2012. The Grants subcommittee have recommended funding two applications (The Swimming Trust of Wellington Inc. and Berhampore School)

Of the two applications the Swimming Trust of Wellington Inc- Wellington East Girls College is over \$50,000 and subject to approval by the Strategy and Policy Committee.

## **5. Conclusion**

The Strategy and Policy Committee is asked to approve the recommendations of the Grants Subcommittee in the allocation of the School Pools Partnership Fund for 2011/12.

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<b>Supporting Information</b>
<p><b>1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome</b>  <i>WCC General grants are allocated to support outcomes from the Cultural, Social, Economic and Environmental strategic areas.</i></p>
<p><b>2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact</b>  <i>Social &amp; Recreational grants, including The School Pools Partnership Fund come under C678.</i></p>
<p><b>3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations</b>  <i>Any grants application that could have implications for Maori are referred to WCC Treaty Relations team for recommendations. The Treaty Relations Office is sent the full list of applicants and projects for comments.</i></p>
<p><b>4) Decision-Making</b>  <i>This is not a significant decision.</i></p>
<p><b>5) Consultation</b>  <b>a) General Consultation</b>  <i>The Grants Team sends the full list of applicants and projects for comment to appropriate Council officers prior to presentation to the Subcommittee. Applicants and persons or organisations referred to in the applications and others may be spoken to for comments where appropriate.</i>  <b>b) Consultation with Maori</b>  <i>The WCC Treaty Relations Office is sent the full list of applicants and projects for comment prior to presentation to committee.</i></p>
<p><b>6) Legal Implications</b>  <i>N/A</i></p>
<p><b>7) Consistency with existing policy</b>  <i>The grant pools have been created to assist community initiatives in line with Council strategy.</i></p>

## **Appendix 1: Grants Criteria**

### **Generic Grants Criteria:**

1. Project makes a positive contribution to achieving the Council's Strategic Outcomes and Points of Difference as listed in the Council's current Annual Plan.
2. Project is Wellington based and primarily benefits the people of Wellington (exceptions may be made for projects based elsewhere in the region but which significantly benefit residents of Wellington City).
3. Applicant is a legally constituted community group or organisation, not an individual or individuals.
4. Applicant group provides evidence of (or, if a new group, systems for): sound financial management, good employment practice (where applicable), clear and detailed planning, clear performance measures, demonstrated ability to report back on past funding as appropriate.
5. Projects will not be funded for the same purpose more than once in any financial year.
6. Failure to report adequately on past Council funding can result in a group being considered ineligible for future funding.
7. Project is physically and financially accessible either by a wide range of persons or by the intended users.
8. Project shows evidence of community support, collaboration and building partnerships with other organisations (e.g. letters of support from other organisations/leaders).
9. Applicant must demonstrate that the project expands the capacity, range or level of similar types of services in the community and that there was user input into identifying the need for the project.
10. The principal intent of the project is not for private or commercial pecuniary gain, though it may be that such gains occur as a side effect of the project.
11. Application demonstrates an awareness of the Treaty of Waitangi, in particular when involving Mana whenua and Taura Here.

### **Specific criteria relating to the School Pools Partnership Fund**

- (a) The Pools Partnership Fund aims to improve access to and uptake of learn-to-swim, aquatic education, aquatic sport and casual aquatic enjoyment by the local communities of Wellington City by increasing the total available pool capacity and aquatic programme opportunities throughout the city.
- (b) The project must demonstrate how it helps resolve current and forecast demand for learn-to-swim and aquatic education within Wellington City boundaries.
- (c) The project must be strategically located to both facilitate easy access for participant schools, (a 15-20 minute walk time from neighbouring schools is appropriate) and ensure that appropriate catchments are created across the city.
- (d) The applicant must facilitate use of the pool facility by other schools during the school day.
- (e) The applicant must make the pool facility available for wider community use outside of the school day/term. \*
- (f) The project must have written support from the School Board of Trustees and school management.

- (g) Any trust or management arrangement for the project must be legally constituted and have adequate skills in planning, governance and management.
- (h) The project must have a Formal Use and Licence to Occupy Agreement in place with the Ministry of Education.
- (i) The project must have an appropriate business and asset management plan in place which ensures that no additional operational or capital funding will be sought from Wellington City Council.
- (j) Projects will only be able to be funded once through the Pools Partnership Fund.
- (k) The applicant must agree to provide an annual report to Wellington City Council about the pool's operation, maintenance, and achievements. This report will need to be provided throughout the indicated life of the asset, as defined prior to construction, and will include statements on schools programmes, community access, and operation of the asset.

\* Consider that wider community use referred to in (e) above includes:

Use by groups, clubs and associations separate from the school, trust, or management arrangement of the facility which are based within Wellington City (Tawa but not the Hutt Valley or Porirua) and whose membership is made up of predominantly Wellington City residents.

## Appendix 2 Recommendations

Appl No	Organisation Name	Project Description	Total Cost	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount	Comments	Tag
1	Berhampore School	Project to enclose Berhampore School pool so it can be used 4 terms per year.	\$150,000	\$61,000	\$50,000	Contribution to additional costs associated with improvements to school pool arising from technical advice from engineers. Approved in 2010/11	Subject to receipt of acceptable Asset Management Plan
2	Makara Model School	Makara School pool upgrade. General upgrade of pool area.	\$26,766	\$26,766	\$0	Low priority in this round	
3	Swimming Trust of Wellington, The	Redevelopment of Wellington East Girls College pool.	\$890,000	\$700,000	\$450,000	Stage one of project to develop aquatic facilities, good fit with criteria, wide impact and benefits for inner city schools and residents.	
4	Te Aro School	Pool development.	\$570,000	\$485,000	\$0	Low priority in this round	
			<b>\$1,636,766</b>	<b>\$1,272,766</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>		
			<b>Amount Available:</b>		<b>\$500,000</b>		
			<b>Amount Remaining</b>		<b>\$500,000</b>		