
SCHOOL POOLS PARTNERSHIP FUND ALLOCATIONS 2012/13

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 2012/13.

The Grants Subcommittee at its meeting on 10 December 2012 considered the funding to applicant organisations for the 2012/13 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 Rewa Rewa School Board of Trustees - \$300,000 and The Swimming Trust of Wellington Inc - Wellington East Girls College - \$200,000 from the 2012/13 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 2012/13. Five applications were received for this 2012/13 round from Cashmere Avenue School, Kilbirnie School, Newtown School Board, Rewa Rewa School Board of Trustees and The Swimming Trust of Wellington Inc (Wellington East Girls College).

The grant round closed on 31 October 2012. Applicants requested a total of \$864,107. 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 Funding 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 third year, with the fourth and final round next year (2013/14). The Grants subcommittee have recommended funding two applications (Rewa Rewa School Board of Trustees and The Swimming Trust of Wellington Inc.)

Both of these recommended applications are 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 2012/13.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

WCC General grants are allocated to support outcomes from the Cultural, Social, Economic and Environmental strategic areas.

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

Social & Recreational grants, including The School Pools Partnership Fund come under C678.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

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.

4) Decision-making

This is not a significant decision.

5) Consultation

a) General consultation

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.

b) Consultation with Maori

The WCC Treaty Relations Office is sent the full list of applicants and projects for comment prior to presentation to committee.

6) Legal implications

N/A

7) Consistency with existing policy

The grant pools have been created to assist community initiatives in line with Council strategy.

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.

Appendix 1

- (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	Cashmere Avenue School	Enhancement of school pool, including covering of pool with semi-permanent structure, installation of chemical control system and electrical upgrade.	\$48,312	\$48,312	\$0	Low priority given prior support through this fund for another facility in Khandallah	
2	Kilbirnie School - Pool Committee	The purchase and installation of a heat pump, which would vastly improve the temperature of our pool and allow it to be fully utilised.	\$14,460	\$14,460	\$0	Low priority given close proximity of school to existing aquatic facilities in Kilbirnie	
3	Newtown School Board	Re-roof, insulation, ventilation, wheel chair access to the pool area.	\$201,335	\$201,335	\$0	Low priority given pressure on available funds, potential for further application in 2013/14	
4	Rewa Rewa School Board Of Trustees	Upgrade of the school pool facilities so it is available all year round for use by surrounding schools (5) and wider local community.	\$700,000	\$400,000	\$300,000	High priority. Newlands, Paparangi, Woodridge and Newlands highlighted as areas lacking in suitable aquatic facilities for learn to swim programmes.	Work with Officers to further explore alternative (lower) capital cost options.
5	The Swimming Trust of Wellington	Redevelop the Wellington East Girls College pool to create a 25mtr 6 lane, indoor and heated training pool and teaching pool for learn to swim	\$890,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	Further supports an additional 360m2 of water space for aquatic sport use to the cities pool network consisting of 6 lane 25m training pool with separate 12m x 5m teaching pool.	Release of funds subject to; confirmation of balance of funds enabling scheme to be realised in one stage, any necessary consents approved and WCC representative included on project team.
		Totals:	\$1,854,107	\$864,107	\$500,000		
			Amount Available:		\$500,000		

