
ORDINARY MEETING
OF
WELLINGTON REGIONAL AMENITIES FUND JOINT COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Time: 1.00pm
Date: Friday, 28 August 2015
Venue: Upper Hutt Council Chambers
Upper Hutt City Council
Level 3, Civic Administration Building
838-842 Fergusson Drive
Upper Hutt

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Celia Wade-Brown	Wellington City Council (Chairperson)
Mayor Ross Church	Kāpiti Coast District Council (Deputy Chairperson)
Mayor Wayne Guppy	Upper Hutt City Council
Mayor Nick Leggett	Porirua City Council
Mayor Lyn Patterson	Masterton District Council
Mayor Ray Wallace	Hutt City Council

AREA OF FOCUS

The Wellington Regional Amenities Fund has been established to support eligible entities of regional significance with day to day operational expenses and new innovative projects that will achieve identified priorities for the region. The Joint Committee is focused on arts, cultural and environmental attractions and events to support and add to the attractiveness and vitality of the Wellington region.

Quorum: 3 members

BUSINESS

1. Meeting Conduct

- 1.1. Apologies
- 1.2. Conflict of Interest Declarations
- 1.3. Confirmations of Minutes
- 1.4. Public Participation
- 1.5. Items not on the Agenda

2. General Business

- 2.1. Expressions of Interest for the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund from 2015/16 – 2017/18

1. Meeting Conduct

1.1. Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

1.3. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 March 2015 will be put to the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund Joint Committee.



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WELLINGTON REGIONAL AMENITIES FUND - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST 2015/16-2017/18

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Joint Committee's decisions on which of the Expressions of Interest for the 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 rounds of the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund (the Fund) best fit with the purpose of the Fund. Those organisations supported in principle by the Joint Committee will be asked to submit a detailed application and budget before funding is offered.

Recommendation

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Agree that the following tabled projects should be funded in principle, with the funding released on receipt of an acceptable detailed application and budget:

ORGANISATION	Recommended year 1 2015/16	year 2 2016/17	year 3 2017/18
Capital E Support for biennial children's festival and regional outreach initiative.	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$40,000
Creative Capital Arts Trust Support for development and delivery of 2016 Cuba Dupa Festival.	\$50,000		
Chamber Music NZ Support for 2016 programmes and activities across the region.	\$30,000		
Circa Theatre Contribution to building upgrade including interior remodelling and exterior enhancement.	\$150,000		
Expressions Support for an annual 'blockbuster' exhibition each year for three years		\$50,000	
Festival of the Elements Porirua Community Art Council's Waitangi Day celebrations	\$30,000		
Letting Space Public art activity across the region – Urban Dream Brokerage, TEZA (Transitional Economic Zone of Aotearoa - exploring with the community new creative ways of working together), Common Ground Hutt Public Art Festival	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$20,000

LUX FESTIVAL TRUST Delivery of LUX Festival – Wellington’s free public light festival.	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Mahara Gallery Request for two years funding for staff and administrative costs to build awareness and assist in raising funds for the Mahara Gallery redevelopment to house the Field Collection.	\$55,000	\$55,000	
Matariki Festival Support Te Papa to deliver the Matariki Festival.	\$120,000	\$120,000	
Nature Connections Support for Zoo and Zealandia to deliver and market the Nature Connections programme.	\$80,000		
NZ Festival Request for funding to stage three extraordinary free events in the 2016 Festival.	\$150,000		
Orchestra Wellington Outreach and Community Development programmes	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Royal NZ Ballet Leaps and Sounds collaboration with NZSO	\$50,000		
Toi Maori Art Market Support for delivery of Art Market at the TSB Arena November 2016.		\$80,000	
Wellington Museums Trust: Kids to the Capital, Nationhood project Support to continue the programme, offering subsidised travel for lower decile schools to visit capital city institutions, deliver teacher professional development, promote the brand for Wellington as THE education destination for NZ schools.	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
TOTAL	\$1,050,00	\$650,000	\$315,000
WRAF TOTAL	\$1053,200	\$1053,200	\$1053,200

Summary

- The Fund is now in its fourth year of operation. It has enabled and supported many projects and organisations across Wellington’s arts and environmental sectors that would otherwise not have happened. It is now a well-established fund relied on by organisations to deliver activities that have an impact on and a broad reach across the region, because of this demand is increasing.
- The Fund Manager therefore recommends that the Joint Committee consider the original purpose of the fund when reviewing the Fund Manager and Council Officer’s recommendations – that is to support entities of regional significance and new projects that add to the attractiveness and vitality of the region. It is important that the fund is used to best effect so it does not lose its positive impact on the region.
- The Wellington Regional Amenities Fund received 23 Expressions of Interest for the 2015/16 round. 13 of these Expressions of Interest were for multi-year (either two or three years) funding. A summary of all the Expressions of Interest received is attached

at Appendix one. This round marks the first year the fund can be applied for over three years, however a portion of the fund will be retained each year for annual Expressions of Interest.

5. The Council Officers Group and Fund Manager recommend the Joint Committee supports the following 16 projects and organisations over the next three financial years from 2015/16 to 2017/18.

Organisation - funding request	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Capital E (children's festival + regional outreach programme)	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$40,000
Creative Capital Arts Trust (delivery of Cuba Dupu)	\$50,000		
Chamber Music NZ (concert series and regional outreach programme)	\$30,000		
Circa Theatre (redevelopment)	\$150,000		
Expressions (Annual blockbuster exhibition)		\$50,000	
Festival of the Elements (Porirua Arts Council Waitangi Day celebration)	\$30,000		
Letting Space (public art activity across the region – Urban Dream Brokerage, TEZA, Common Ground)	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$20,000
LUX Festival (delivery)	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Mahara Gallery (staff and administrative costs to assist in raising funds for Mahara Gallery redevelopment)	\$55,000	\$55,000	
Matariki Festival (Te Papa's delivery of festival)	\$120,000	\$120,000	
Nature Connections (Zoo and Zealandia delivery of programme)	\$80,000		
NZ Festival (three free public events)	\$150,000		
Orchestra Wellington (outreach and community development)	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Royal NZ Ballet (Leaps and Sounds with NZSO)	\$50,000		
Toi Maori Art Market (delivery)		\$80,000	
Wellington Museums Trust - Kids to the Capital (Nationhood project)	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
TOTAL	\$1050,000	\$650,000	\$315,000

Background

6. The Wellington Regional Amenities Fund provides support for arts, cultural and environmental attractions and events. The Joint Committee have set five priorities for funding which are:
 - a. Demonstrate a need for financial assistance to maintain its current operations or extend the reach of its operations across the Wellington region.
 - b. Increase the entity's long-term contribution to the economy of the Wellington region.
 - c. Address gaps in, extend or develop the arts, culture or environmental ecosystems, calendar of activities and events in the Wellington Region.
 - d. Display regional partnerships with Councils and other organisations in order to leverage mutual benefits.

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- e. Build, maintain and retain organisations that contribute to Wellington’s status as an internationally competitive region.

Discussion

- 7. The Wellington Regional Amenities Fund received 23 Expressions of Interest in the 2015/16 round requesting a total of \$2,578,950.00. In the second year (2016/17) 13 organisations requested \$1,502,862, and in the third year (2017/18) ten organisations requested \$1,212,800.
- 8. The fund has up to \$1,053,200.00 to allocate each year for the next three years from 2015/16 to 2017/18. The Joint Committee agreed to allow multi-year funding Expressions of Interest while retaining a portion for annual Expressions of Interest.
- 9. As per the Terms of Reference for the Fund the cross-Council Officers Group has assessed the applications and made recommendations to the Joint Committee.
- 10. Officer’s recommendations are based on alignment with the Funds priorities, ability to meet the criteria and the likely effectiveness of funding the project. Officers have taken into account the management of previous funding through accountability reports.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Summary of the Expressions of Interest in the 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 rounds of the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund Page 11

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Attachment 1

A summary of the Expressions of Interest in the 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 rounds of the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund

Organisation - funding request	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Aratoi Museum of Art and History Contribution to the 2016 Exhibitions and Programmes including an Education Officer.	\$50,000		
Capital E Support for biennial children's festival and regional outreach initiative - live performance and digital technology experiences to engage children.	70,000	105,000	70,000
Creative Capital Arts Trust Funding support for the development and delivery of the 2016 Cuba Dupa Festival.	102,500		
Chamber Music NZ Support for 2016 programmes and activities across the region including Kaleidoscope Concert Season, support to four local volunteer music societies and regional education and outreach programmes.	\$50,000		
Circa Theatre Contribution to building upgrade including interior remodelling and exterior enhancement.	\$300,000		
Expressions Request to support an annual 'blockbuster' exhibition each year for three years	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Festival of the Elements Porirua Community Art Council's Waitangi Day celebrations (over three-days). Request to extend festival's reach through publicity and promotion.	\$31,150		
Letting Space Public art activity across the region to support <i>TEZA</i> (Transitional Economic Zone of Aotearoa - exploring with the community new creative ways of working together) – publicity and promotion, <i>Urban Dream Brokerage</i> – community outreach and artist development, <i>Common Ground</i> Hutt Public Art Festival 2017 – project management and curation.	\$52,800	\$35,862	20,800
LUX Festival Trust Delivery of LUX Festival – Wellington's free public light festival.	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Mahara Gallery Redevelopment project – request for two years funding for staff and administrative costs to develop and promote resources needed to build awareness, assist in raising funds and further develop partnerships and programmes that draw from the Wellington region.	\$55,000	\$55,000	

Matariki Festival			
Te Papa's delivery of the Matariki Festival (years 3 and 4) including marketing, programme development, Art Night bus tour and project management.	\$223,000	\$223,000	
Nature Connections			
Zoo and Zealandia request funding for years 3 and 4 of Nature Connections (NC) to consolidate the programme and to continue to train and develop staff, enhance visitor experiences; and to create a shared marketing campaign that celebrates NC partner's role, develop profile raising events, and for research and evaluation.	\$100,000	\$197,000	
NZ Festival			
Request for funding to stage three extraordinary free events in the 2016 Festival, <i>Le Grand Continental</i> , <i>Arquitectura de Feria</i> and <i>Sila: The Breath of the World</i> , creating economic impacts for the region and supporting significant levels of community participation.	\$400,000		
NZ Opera			
Funding request for education and audience engagement across the region including youth opera, opera in schools tour, workshops and masterclasses, dress rehearsal attendance for intermediate and secondary students and support for a Wellington-based Education Assistant.	\$100,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
NZ Portrait Gallery			
Request for operational funding for promotion, regional outreach and additional staff time.	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
NZSO			
ANZAC Concert as part of the regions ongoing WWI00 commemorations.	\$50,000		
Orchestra Wellington			
Outreach and Community Development programmes	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
Rimutaka Crossing 1915-18 Memorial Re-enactment			
Traffic Management and fitting costs for authentic WW1 uniforms from Weta Workshop	\$15,000		
Royal NZ Ballet			
Leaps and Sounds Concert (two performances) in collaboration with NZSO (tickets free or low-cost). Opportunity for young NZ composers works to be performed by NZSO and for emerging choreographers work to be performed by RNZB.	\$50,000		
Toi Maori Art Market			
Request to support the delivery of the art market at the TSB Arena 11-13 November 2016.	\$200,000		
Wellington Culinary Events Trust (WCET)			
Request for annual support to increase WCET's ability to work with the regions food and beverage sector and position as NZ's premier culinary culture destination, increase the level of regional involvement in Visa Wellington on a Plate, and marketing to attract a wider out-of-town audience.	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

Wellington Museums Trust - Kids to the Capital, Nationhood project

Request for funding to continue and to consolidate the programme, offering subsidised travel for lower decile schools to visit capital city institutions, deliver teacher professional development (PD) opportunities, digitise and share teacher PD, build and promote the brand for Wellington as THE education destination for NZ schools.

\$114,500 107,000 \$107,000

Zealandia

Request for funding to remodel the upper floor of the exhibition space and turn it into a multi-function space. Note that the estimated budget is a total of \$510,000, which has been spread across three years – according to the stages of project development.

\$25,000 \$125,000 \$360,000

TOTAL REQUESTED

\$2,578,950 \$1,502,862 \$1,212,800

WRAF TOTAL

\$1,053,200 **\$1,053,200** **\$1,053,200**

DIFFERENCE

\$1,575,750 \$364,662 \$74,600
