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## **DISCRETIONARY GRANTS REPORT**

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

To report on grants approved under Discretionary Grants (C130A) funding during the 2005/2006 financial year.

### **2. Executive Summary**

The amount available in the 2005/2006 Discretionary Grants Fund was \$80,000. \$79,880 of the fund was allocated by year end.

In 2005/2006 a total of twelve grants were allocated, with eight over \$1000 and four under \$1,000. Eight of these could have been considered and potentially funded under existing contestable grant schemes but were urgent and could not wait until the next scheduled round of the appropriate pool. A list of grants allocated is attached in Appendix A.

### **3. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that \$79,880 was allocated in Discretionary Grants in 2005/2006 (recipients noted in Appendix A of this report)*

### **4. Background**

The Discretionary Grants Fund had a total grant pool of \$80,000 per annum, available for projects that met **one** of the following criteria:

1. The application meets the specific criteria of one of the contestable grants pools, but is urgent and cannot wait until the next scheduled round of that pool.
2. The application does not meet the specific criteria of a contestable grants pool.

Decisions on Discretionary Grants over \$1000 were delegated to a group consisting of:

- The Mayor
- The appropriate Portfolio Leader
- Chair of the Grants Sub-Committee.

Decisions on Discretionary Grants \$1000 and under were delegated to officers with relevant delegation.

When funds are returned either during a financial year or from a previous financial year they can be added to the existing grants pool for allocation. This did not occur in the 2005/2006 year formally although the Polish Children's reunion committee were granted permission to keep unexpected profits from their project of printing their history in English, helped by an earlier discretionary grant, and use the funds to do a reprint in Polish which was launched at the new New Zealand Embassy in Warsaw.

Distribution examples:

Twelve discretionary grants were allocated in total for 2005/2006 financial year. Eight grants were over \$1000 and four under \$1000.

Eight projects were allocated under criterion 1. They could have been considered under a contestable grant scheme administered by Wellington City Council but were required urgently and could not wait until the next round. An example of this was the NZ Chinese Association Wellington Branch who had a shortfall in their budget for a public concert that became apparent a short time before the event.

Four projects were allocated under criterion 2. An example of this was assisting the Wellington Sculpture Trust for a project in conjunction with Victoria University to publish a book on sculptures. The grant of \$10,000 helped them go on to get further funding from other sources for the \$60,000 project.

## **5. Conclusion**

A recent Grants Effectiveness review has left this scheme in place unchanged. The Discretionary grant pool remains at \$80,000 for the next financial year. The fund has proved to be particularly useful in areas where swift support is needed and for one off cases that do not fit general grants criteria but still fit with the Council's strategic priorities.

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<b>Supporting Information</b>	
<b>1)</b>	<b>Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome</b> <i>This project supports outcome 6.3: More Actively Engaged. Wellington residents will be actively engaged in their communities and in recreation and leisure activities.</i>
<b>2)</b>	<b>LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact</b> <i>Relates to C130A Community Grants. \$80,000 is budgeted annually to cover Discretionary Grants.</i>
<b>3)</b>	<b>Treaty of Waitangi considerations</b> <i>N/A</i>
<b>4)</b>	<b>Decision-Making</b> <i>The report is for noting decisions made that comply with the schemes criteria.</i>
<b>5)</b>	<b>Consultation</b> <b>a) General Consultation</b> <i>N/A.</i>  <b>b) Consultation with Maori</b> <i>N/A</i>
<b>6)</b>	<b>Legal Implications</b> <i>N/A</i>
<b>7)</b>	<b>Consistency with existing policy</b> <i>Decisions noted are consistent with existing policy</i>

## Appendix A

<b>DISCRETIONARY GRANTS 2005/6</b>	<b>As At 30/6/06</b>
<b>GRANT POOL</b>	<b>\$ 80,000.00</b>

Recipient	Grant	Overview of project	Code
John Radford (Under Capital Theatre Productions)	\$ 7,000.00	<i>Transplastic</i> project in Cuba Mall during the Wellington International Festival of the Arts assisted with a late shortfall due to insufficient CNZ funding.	Criterion 1 (Out of time Arts)
Chartwell School	\$ 500.00	Assist with the costs of the encroachment licence and the non notified land use consent required before erecting safety signage.	Criterion 1 (Out of time Community)
City Associates Films	\$ 5,000.00	Assist with the production of a documentary on Wellington architect, Bill Toomath.	Criterion 1 (Out of time Arts rts)
City of Wgtn Pipe Band	\$ 20,000.00	Assistance with travel costs to the Edinburgh Tattoo..	Criterion 2
Katherine Mansfield Birthplace Society	\$ 15,000.00	Repaint of heritage building at 25 Tinakori Rd.	Criterion 2
NZ Chinese Association Wellington Branch	\$ 500.00	Venue costs for the Hong Kong YIP's Children's Choir performance on 10 August at the Opera House.	Criterion 1 (Out of time Arts rts)
On The Edge Trust	\$ 3,000.00	Assist with the running of a secondary school leaders' conference on 19-21 May 2006.	Criterion 1 (Out of time Youth grant)
Parkinson's New Zealand	\$ 600.00	Assist with the costs of advertising an event to raise awareness of Parkinson's, in the Botanical Gardens on 6 November 2005, and to assist with costs of hiring a marquee.	Criterion 1 (Out of time Arts rts)
Rattle Records Ltd	\$ 14,780.00	Venue costs \$8,540, piano hire of \$5,940, photos of wellington \$300 for the production of a cd/dvd with the NZSO featuring the work of John\sathas.	Criterion 2
Wellington Civic Trust	\$ 2,600.00	Assist with the printing of 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary book "For Love of This City".	Criterion 1 (Out of time Community)
Wellington New Chinese Friendship Assn	\$ 900.00	Help with travel costs to bring specified performers to perform at the concert on 29 January at the Soundings theatre, Te Papa.	Criterion 1 (Out of time Arts rts)
Wellington Sculpture Trust	\$ 10,000.00	Assistance with funding for costs associated with book featuring Wellington sculptures.	Criterion 2