

# STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE 15 OCTOBER 2009

**REPORT 4** (1215/52/IM)

#### HERITAGE GRANTS

#### 1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the allocation of grants to applicants in the July 2009 round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, as assessed by Council officers.

### 2. Executive Summary

In October 2006 the criteria and conditions of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund were presented to and approved by the Strategy and Policy Committee. The latest round of applications closed at the end of July 2009. Six applications were received seeking funds of \$77,925. It is proposed to offer grants to five applicants, with fund allocation totalling \$62,925 from the total yearly fund of \$200,000. One application was declined because the item does not meet eligibility criterion 3: It is not listed in the district plan, registered with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, or part of a heritage area.

This is the first of three rounds for 2009/2010. The total yearly fund is \$200,000. This leaves \$137,075 for allocation in the November 2009 and March 2010 rounds. This report sets out details of the applications received and the recommendations of Council officers in respect to allocating the grants.

In addition the report recommends a change in project description for a grant approved in the November 2008 round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund for the Hazel Court apartment building at 4 Claremont Grove in Mt Victoria.

#### 3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receives the information.
- 2. Agrees to the allocation of grants and associated conditions to applicants in the July 2009 round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, as assessed by Council officers, as follows:

Project	Grant Proposed
(1) House, 16 St Mary Street, Thorndon	
The grant will be offered on the condition that:	
<ul> <li>Any exterior work including the re-roofing must be based upon original or existing format and historical precedent. Advice from a conservation architect will ensure the correct approach.</li> </ul>	\$20,000.00
(2) Greer House, 420 Middleton Road, Glenside	Ψ20,000.00
No special conditions.	\$3,456.00
(3) Hannah's Factory Apartments, 14 Leeds Street, Te Aro	
The grant will be offered on the condition that:	
<ul> <li>The grant is to be used for the preparation of a conservation plan prepared by a conservation professional.</li> </ul>	
(4) House, 10B Tinakori Road, Thorndon	\$10,000.00
(4) House, Tob Tillakoli Koad, Thomaoli	
No special conditions.	\$14,839.00
(5) St Michael's Anglican Church, Upland Road, Kelburn	
The grant will be offered on the conditions that:	
A conservation architect is consulted for site inspection and advice before any repair, cleaning, and sealing work is undertaken.  A conservation plan and condition current and remedial actions.	
<ul> <li>A conservation plan and condition survey and remedial action report must be prepared.</li> </ul>	
The conservation plan should include a recommendation that	
considers the appropriateness of district plan listing.	\$14,630.00
(6) Yacht 'Rona'	\$0
Total	\$62,925.00

3. Agrees to a change in project description for a grant approved in the November 2008 round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund for the Hazel Court apartment building at 4 Claremont Grove in Mt Victoria (Refer section 5.5).

#### 4. Background

The Built Heritage Incentive Fund is a key initiative of the Built Heritage Policy, which was adopted by Council in June 2005. The policy aims to demonstrate Council's "renewed commitment to the city's built heritage to current owners, the community, visitors to the city and to future generations".

The purpose of the fund is to help people conserve and protect aspects of Wellington's built heritage for the enjoyment and benefit of current and future generations. It is intended that grants from the fund will help meet some of the additional costs associated with owning and caring for a heritage property.

In October 2006 the Built Heritage Incentive Fund report was presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee. The report set out the criteria and conditions for the fund and proposed a degree of flexibility in how funds were allocated. The first round of the grant was advertised for applications to be submitted to Council by the end of November 2006.

There is \$200,000 available for grants in the 2009/2010 financial year. This is the first of three rounds for this financial year.

#### 5. Discussion

#### 5.1 Applications received

Six applications have been received requesting funding of \$77,925. Council officers have reviewed applications and determined that five applications meet the criteria set out in the Built Heritage Incentive Fund report approved by Committee in October 2006.

One application for the yacht 'Rona' was declined because the item does not meet eligibility criterion 3: It is not listed in the district plan, registered with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, or part of a heritage area.

Appendix I contains a summary of all applications received in this round.

#### 5.2 Funding allocation process

A number of factors are considered in determining the level of importance of the grant application projects. These include:

• the risk of the heritage value diminishing if funding is not granted

- a level of confidence in the proposed quality of the work/professional advice
- funding would acknowledge additional costs associated with the listing of a heritage item
- applicant would not be financially able to undertake this project without assistance
- project is visible and/or accessible to the public
- project will provide a benefit to the community.

In addition to the level of importance of the project, further factors are considered in determining the level of funding appropriate for each application. These factors include:

- the value of the funding request
- the value of the funding request when considered against the total project cost
- the value of discrete stages of the project relating to immediate risk
- parity with similar projects in previous rounds (refer Appendix II)
- equitable distribution in the current round
- the limited amount of funding available for allocation and the need to ensure that there are funds remaining to allocate in any following rounds.

#### 5.3 Officers' recommendations

It is recommended that funds for this round are allocated in the following way:

Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Requested	Grant Proposed
(1) House, 16 St Mary Street, Thorndon	\$27,067.37	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00
(2) Greer House, 420 Middleton Road, Glenside	\$5,456.25	\$3,456.00	\$3,456.00
(3) Hannah's Factory Apartments, 14 Leeds St, Te Aro	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
(4) House, 10B Tinakori Rd, Thorndon	\$22,713.75	\$14,839.00	\$14,839.00
(5) St Michael's Anglican Church, Upland Road, Kelburn	\$14,630.00	\$14,630.00	\$14,630.00
Total	\$119,867.37	\$72,925.00	\$62,925.00

## 5.4 Officers' consideration

A discussion of each of the applications is set out below:

Project 1:	House, 16 St Mary Street, Thorndon		
Applicant:	Annie and Olly Edwards		
Description:	To restore, stabilise, and support restorative work currently being carried out.		
Officer comments:	The house at 16 St Mary Street is part of the Wellington City Council's Thorndon Character Area. The house contributes to an area of the city that represents one of the best examples of historic residential Wellington.		
	The grant will:  • help to protect the heritage values of the building.		
	The project is visible and it will provide a benefit to the community.		
	The total project cost excludes the scaffolding estimate submitted with the proposal as this is not considered to be specific to owning a listed heritage building.		
	The amount recommended for this project is consistent with previous grants to residential properties of a similar scale and scope. It takes into consideration the factors set out in section 5.2 of this report. It has parity with the 26 Stoke Street, Newtown project in the March 2007 round and it represents an equitable distribution in the current round compared to Project 4.		

Conditions	The grant will be offered on the condition that:		
	<ul> <li>Any exterior work including the re-roofing must be based upon original or existing format and historical precedent. Advice from a conservation architect will ensure the correct approach.</li> </ul>		

Project 2:	Greer House, 420 Middleton Road, Glenside	
Applicant:	Bruce James Murdoch	
Description:	To replace old rubber coated wiring and complete upgrade of electrics.	
Officer comments:	Greer House is a one-storey farmhouse listed in the district plan as one of Tawa's earliest buildings. It's position alongside the railway line makes it a well-known landmark to commuters.	
	<ul> <li>The grant will:</li> <li>help to protect the heritage values of the building; and</li> <li>acknowledge additional costs associated with owning a listed building.</li> </ul>	
	The project is visible and it will provide a benefit to the community.	
	The amount recommended for this project is consistent with previous grants to residential properties of a similar scale. It takes into consideration the factors set out in section 5.2 of this report. It has parity with the 25 Ascot Street, Thorndon project in the July 2008 round and the 24 Ascot Street, Thorndon project in the March 2009 round.	

Project 3:	Hannah's Factory Apartments, 14 Leeds St, Te Aro	
Applicant:	Hannah's Factory Body Corporate 84869	
Description:	Maintenance and preservation plan for management of exterior over medium to long-term.	
Officer comments:	The R. Hannah and Co. Building is listed in the district plan. The factory building was designed by architect H T Johns and built in 1923 for the shoe manufacturing company. Its plain utilitarian style is typical of traditional warehouse design. Athfield Architects designed the apartment conversion in 1995.	
	<ul> <li>The grant will:</li> <li>help to protect the heritage values of the building; and</li> <li>acknowledge additional costs associated with owning a listed building.</li> </ul>	
	The project is visible to the public and it will provide a benefit to the community.	
	It is considered that a prerequisite step in the preparation of the proposed 'maintenance and preservation' plan is the preparation of a conservation plan by a conservation professional. A conservation plan will inform, guide, and contribute material to the proposed plan.	
	The amount recommended for this project is consistent with previous grants of a similar scale and scope. It takes into consideration the factors set out in section 5.2 of this report. It has parity with the Mount Street Cemetery project of March 2007 and the Lawson Scout Hall, Kelburn project of November 2008.	

Conditions	The grant will be offered on the condition that:		
	<ul> <li>The grant is to be used for the preparation of a conservation plan prepared by a conservation professional.</li> </ul>		

Project 4:	House, 10B Tinakori Rd, Thorndon	
Applicant:	Deborah McLeod	
Description:	Preparation of prioritised work plan. Execution of identified remedial building works to eliminate causes of current problems with drains, piles, windows etc.	
Officer comments:	The house at 10B Tinakori Road is listed in the district plan. Together with its neighbour number 12, the house forms part of a matching pair of late Victorian houses. The architectural value of the houses relates to their survival as a pair. The houses are associated with Charles Heaphy (1822-1881), surveyor, commissioner, and artist.	
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	<ul> <li>The grant will:</li> <li>help to protect the heritage values of the building; and</li> <li>acknowledge additional costs associated with owning a listed building.</li> </ul>	
	The project is visible and it will provide a benefit to the community.	
	The amount recommended for this project is consistent with previous grants to residential properties of a similar scale and scope. It takes into consideration the factors set out in section 5.2 of this report. It has parity with the 26 Stoke Street, Newtown project in the March 2007 round and it represents an equitable distribution in the current round compared to Project 1.	

Project 5:	St Michael's Anglican Church, Upland Road, Kelburn		
Applicant:	Wellington Diocesan Board of Trustees		
Description:	Repair and cleaning roof and sealing of roof tiles to church.		
Officer comments:	St Michael's Anglican Church is a well-known landmark on one of Wellington's important suburban streets. The church has been a significant part of Kelburn's culture and history for over 100 years.		
	The grant will:  • help to protect the heritage values of the building.		
	The project is visible and accessible to the public and it will provide a benefit to the community.		
	The amount granted is for the work described in the project description and in addition for the preparation of a conservation plan and condition survey and remedial action report as quoted for in the application.		
	The amount recommended for this project is consistent with previous grants of a similar scale and scope. It takes into consideration the factors set out in section 5.2 of this report. It has parity with the Former Masonic Hall, Island Bay project in the November 2008 round.		
Conditions	<ul> <li>The grant will be offered on the conditions that:</li> <li>A conservation architect is consulted for site inspection and advice before any repair, cleaning, and sealing work is undertaken.</li> <li>A conservation plan and condition survey and remedial action report must be prepared.</li> <li>The conservation plan should include a recommendation that considers the appropriateness of district plan listing.</li> </ul>		

Project 6:	Yacht 'Rona'	
Applicant:	Rona Preservation Trust	
Description:	Restoration of deck.	
Officer	The Rona is a six beam gaff-rigged racing cutter built in	
comments:	1892. The boat is recognised as one of Wellington's and New Zealand's most iconic sailing vessels. She first entered Wellington harbour in 1893 and has spent most of the intervening years around the Cook Strait.	
	The yacht was purchased by the Rona Preservation Trust in 2006.	
	Past grants from Wellington City Council include a discretionary grant of \$5,000 in 2005 and a general grant of \$6,000 in 2006.	
	It is recommended that this application is declined because the item does not meet eligibility criterion 3: It is not listed in the district plan, registered with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, or part of a heritage area. In addition sailing vessels of this type would not be considered for listing on the district plan.	

#### 5.5 Hazel Court project change

In the November 2008 round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund the Committee approved a grant of \$9,337.50 to Hazel Court apartment building at 4 Claremont Grove in Mt Victoria. The project was for a structural engineering assessment to determine earthquake strengthening requirements and assessment of cracking to columns. Subsequent assessment of the seismic risk by Council has determined that the building is not earthquake prone so the need for the grant has been reduced to the assessment of cracking to columns. The applicant has requested that the balance of the grant is now allocated to the removal of rusting fixings, the removal of unsightly, highly visible, and poorly located fire alarm panels to enable the reinstatement of the original Treadwell mural at the entrance, and the repair to cracked columns. Council Officers recommend that the Committee approves this change in project description.

#### 6. Conclusion

The Built Heritage Incentive Fund is a key initiative of the Built Heritage Policy and demonstrates Council's ongoing commitment to protect and conserve Wellington city's heritage.

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## **Supporting Information**

#### 1)Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

This initiative supports Council's overall vision of Creative Wellington – Innovation Capital. It has a direct link to the Urban Development Strategy, has links with the Transport and the Culture Well-Being Strategies.

This initiative supports the second highest strategic priority - high quality urban design. It also contributes to the delivery of other strategic priorities:

• Protection of sense of place

High quality urban design contributes to the following Council outcomes:

Outcome 1: More liveable – by developing and maintaining a high quality public environment

Outcome 2: Stronger sense of place – by integrating sense of place into asset management, by enhancing the role of the city as Capital, by ensuring high quality built design and by conserving the city's heritage.

**2)** LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact \$200,000 has been allocated to this project in the 2009/2010 year.

## 3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

N/A

#### 4) Decision-Making

This decision shows Council's commitment to raising the profile of this important initiative.

#### 5) Consultation

#### a) General Consultation

Consultation has occurred as part of the development of the Built Heritage Policy.

#### b) Consultation with Maori

N/A

#### 6) Legal Implications

N/A

#### 7) Consistency with existing policy

This initiative is consistent with existing Council policy.

# **Appendix I: Summary of Applications**

Project	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested
(1) House, 16 St	To restore, stabilise and support		
Mary Street,	restorative work currently being		
Thorndon	carried out	\$27,067.37	\$30,000
(2) Greer House,	To replace old rubber coated		
420 Middleton Rd,	wiring and complete upgrade of		
Glenside	electrics	\$5,456.25	\$3,456.00
(3) Hannah's	Maintenance and preservation		
Factory	plan for management of exterior		
Apartments, 14	over medium to long-term		
Leeds St, Te Aro		\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00
(4) House, 10B Tinakori Rd, Thorndon	Preparation of prioritised work plan. Execution of identified remedial building works to eliminate causes of current problems with drains, piles, windows etc.	\$22,713.75	\$14,839.00
(5) St Michael's	Dancis and cleaning roof and		
Anglican Church,	Repair and cleaning roof and		
Upland Rd, Kelburn	sealing of roof tiles to church.	\$14,630.00	\$14,630.00
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(6) Yacht 'Rona'	Restoration of deck	\$227,700.00	\$5,000.00
Total		\$347,567.37	\$77,925.00

## **Appendix II: Past grant allocations**

# **Built Heritage Incentive Fund Grants (November 2006)**

Project	Description of Grant Component of Project	Amount Granted
Rita Angus Cottage: Thorndon Trust	Painting kitchen interior	\$1,113.75
'Boxhill,' 38 Box Hill, Khandallah: Michael M Timmer	Brick and associated wall repair, consultant fees	\$5,000
'Fernhill,' 15 Fernhill Tce, Wadestown: Jacqueline Matthews	Conservation of windows, fence, weatherboards, gate; painting	\$10,000
St Christopher's Seatoun Strathmore Presbyterian Church	Stained glass restoration and protection	\$10,000
Tower Building, 50-64 Customhouse Quay: Maurice Clark	Façade restoration: crack sealing, window & joint resealing	\$20,000
St Barnabas Church, Roseneath: The Friends of St Barnabas Roseneath Charitable Trust	Sprinklers; conservation of front entry, spire, interior porch, foyer	\$30,000
Futuna Chapel: Friends of Futuna Charitable Trust	Purchase and refurbishment	\$50,000
Victoria House Student Hostel, 276 The Terrace: Victoria House Inc.	Piling, over-cladding, timber replacement, exterior repairs, structural engineering	\$25,000
Total		\$151,113.75

## **Built Heritage Incentive Fund Grants (March 2007)**

Project	Description of Grant Component of Project	Amount Granted
Erskine College, 25-31 Avon St, Island Bay: Save Erskine College Trust Inc.	Conservation report to guide garden restoration	\$3,426
41 Palmer Street, Aro Valley Wellington: Hamish Dahya	Painting exterior of cottage	\$2,450
Mount Street Cemetery Wellington: Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Wellington	Consultant fees to review existing Conservation Plan and write new Conservation Plan	\$8,248.75
19 Simla Crescent: Amanda Rider	Conservation report to establish heritage significance	\$1,000

288 Cuba Street: Keith Powell	Restoration. Includes RC fees, conservation plan, architects fees, re-piling.	\$27,915.19
26 Stoke St, Newtown: Simon Bachler	Replacement of roof	\$20,000
Sai Centre, 8 Daniell St, Newtown: Sathya Sai Service Organisation of Wellington	Conservation plan to guide restoration and refurbishment	\$10,000
Total		\$73,039.94

# **Built Heritage Incentive Fund Allocations July and November 2007**

Round	Applicant Name	Project Venue	Project Description	Amount Granted
Jul-07	Sathya Sai Service Organisation of Wellington Inc	Sai Centre, 8 Daniell St	Strengthen & upgrade facilities at Sai Centre for safe multipurpose community use	\$40,000.00
Jul-07	St Mary of the Angels Parish Church	St Mary of the Angels Church, 17 Boulcott St	Investigative phase of earthquake strengthening	\$10,000.00
Nov-07	Debra & Tony DeLorenzo	1 Ranfurly Tce, Mt Cook	Work including re-piling, plaster repair, electrical work, chimney reinstatement, tile work, and painting.	\$15,000.00
Nov-07	Japirish Limited	Bristol Hotel, 127 Cuba Street, Wgtn	Structural strengthening and fire alarm and hydrant installation.	\$17,500.00
Nov-07	Juerg Daellenbach	61 Holloway Rd, Aro Valley	Work including roof flashing and weatherboard replacement, reinstatement of baseboards, and painting.	\$3,000.00
Nov-07	Leuthart Family Trust	Cadbury Building, 60 Ghuznee St, Wgtn	Repair and maintenance work to exterior including plaster repair, re-pointing brickwork, timber repair, waterproofing, sill flashings, sign repair and painting	\$12,500.00
Nov-07	Milton Investments No 2 Limited	Clarke's Buildings, 121- 123 The Parade, Island Bay	Revised project: window joinery repair, recladding roof, painting in historic colours	\$12,000.00
Nov-07	St Andrew's On The Terrace	St Andrews on the Terrace, 28 The Terrace	Work including roof replacement, structural strengthening, concrete repair, and interior conservation	\$40,000.00
			Total:	\$150,000.00

# **Built Heritage Incentive Fund Grants (March 2008)**

Project	Project Description	Amount Granted
Plimmers Emporium, 3 Plimmers Steps	Exterior repaint and concrete repairs	\$12,000.00
Cadbury Building, 60 Ghuznee Street	Structural assessment of building structure to determine seismic capacity, concept designs for earthquake strengthening, and pounding analysis phase 2	\$8,000.00
Hikitia Refurbishment Project, Hikitia Floating Heavy Lift Crane Ship	Water-blast and paint decks and lower platform	\$38,000.00
Totals		\$58,000.00

# **Built Heritage Incentive Fund Grants (July 2008)**

Project	Project Description	Grant Proposed
(1) Green-house, Karitane Products Society, 21A Manchester Terrace, Melrose	Professional conservation advice and stabilisation and repair of an historic greenhouse	\$8,177.50
(2) House, 25 Ascot Street, Thorndon	Repainting the exterior of the walls and roof	\$3,500.00
(3) Building, 288 Cuba Street, Te Aro	Restoration of a nineteenth century two- storey shop and residential building including archaeological assessment, earthquake strengthening, shop front restoration, reconstruction of balcony, and installation of fire alarm system	\$17,000.00
(4) Hummingbird, 20 Courtenay Place	Conservation of building exterior including professional conservation advice, repair and maintenance, and structural engineering services for potential earthquake strengthening requirements	\$14,000.00
Totals		\$42,677.50

# **Built Heritage Incentive Fund Grants (November 2008)**

Project	Project Description	Amount Granted
St Annes Church Hall, 69 Northland Rd, Northland	Renovation and extension of hall, and entranceway connection to church	\$40,000.00
Gear Meat Co. Building, 130 Cuba St	Structural engineering assessment to determine earthquake strengthening requirements	\$2,500.00
Massey House, 126 Lambton Quay	Conservation plan preparation	\$16,250.00
Hannah Warehouse, 13 Leeds St, Te Aro	Strengthening report	\$1,679.06
Hazel Court, 4 Claremont Grove, Mt Victoria	Structural engineering assessment to determine earthquake strengthening requirements and assessment of cracking to columns	\$9,337.50
House, 99 Cockayne Rd, Khandallah	Repair of main entry porch glazed infill walls	\$5,612.25
Former Masonic Hall, 221 Clyde St, Island Bay	Conservation plan preparation and repairs to roof	\$20,000.00
Lawson Scout Hall, 32 Salamanca, Kelburn	Conservation plan preparation	\$8,718.75
Roundhouse, Khandallah Bowling Club, 26 Woodmancote Rd	Conservation including roof and exterior painting	\$8,672.22
House, 8 Ascot St, Thorndon	Reconstruction of stairs to front of house and interior painting	\$2,500.00
Rita Angus Cottage, 194A Sydney Street West, Thorndon	Replacement of existing boundary fence and construction of new boundary fence	\$1,777.50
Rita Angus Cottage, 194A Sydney Street West, Thorndon	Purchase of ferns to establish garden	\$1,185.00
Granny Cooper's Cottage, 30 Ascot St, Thorndon	Re-roofing of flat roof area of cottage	\$5,179.81
Inverlochy House, 3 Inverlochy Place, Te Aro	Re-roofing and painting of the house	\$30,000.00
Total		\$153,412.09

# **Built Heritage Incentive Fund Grants (March 2009)**

Project	Project Description	Amount Granted
(1) Formerly Liks Niteclub, 143- 147 Vivian Street	Conservation work to the exterior and renovation of the interior	\$20,000.00
(2) Reid House, 191-195 Cuba Street	Structural strengthening, fire protection, and restoration of the building exterior	\$20,000.00
(3) House, 50 Tarikaka Street, Ngaio (4) House, 52 Tarikaka Street,	Conservation of windows and baseboards and renovation of interior walls  Resource consent fee reimbursement for	\$15,000.00
Ngaio	alterations and additions to house	\$1,783.00
(5) House, 24 Ascot Street, Thorndon	Painting of exterior of house (excluding roof)	\$3,722.50
(6) House, 11 Salisbury Garden Court, Wadestown	Preparation and painting the exterior of the house	\$5,000.00
(7) Path, Salisbury Garden Court, Wadestown	Engineers report to identify priorities for staging work and to establish cost	\$1,050.00
(8) House, 100 Hobson Street, Thorndon	Installation of sound-proof glass to existing windows	\$20,000.00
(9) Trades Hall, 124-128 Vivian Street	Weatherproofing and installation of fire alarm system	\$30,000.00
(10) House, 24 Ascot Street, Thorndon	Replacement of foul water pipe and retaining wall on path to Tinakori Rd	\$116,555.50
Total		