

Appendix Two

Proposed amendments to the grants framework

Community Venue Assistance

Purpose

The community venue assistance grant scheme is to provide support for community organisations to meet lease or rental costs for community spaces where programmes, services and activities are delivered.

Value

Anticipated that community venue assistance grant will be approximately \$60k p.a. additional cost.

Note: all changes to the current general grants criteria and framework are either underlined or in strike through

WCC General Grant pool

Generic criteria

1. Project makes a positive contribution to achieving the Council's Strategic Outcomes and Priorities outlined in the Council's LTCCP.
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. Applications for venue assistance will not be funded for capital works
12. Application demonstrates an awareness of the Treaty of Waitangi, in particular when involving Mana whenua and Taura Here.

Environmental wellbeing

Environmental grants are intended to promote community engagement in supporting environmental goals.

Focus Areas

- Promotion of water and energy efficiency and conservation, energy security, and the use of renewable energy sources
- Improved stream protection
- Partnerships to increase environmental awareness, community participation, and the achievement of environmental goals

Additional Criteria

- Project has positive impacts upon Council's Strategic Outcomes in relation to the environment (e.g. bio-diversity, eco-systems, landscape and natural heritage, waste minimisation, water conservation, fuel use/alternative transportation, eco-design etc.)
- Project enhances, restores or protects the environment within Wellington City.
- Project promotes environmental sustainability or understanding of environmental values.

Social wellbeing

Social grants are intended to help build strong communities with robust social cohesion and high levels of participation in the community. The Council will not normally fund programmes, such as essential health or social services that are seen to be the responsibility of a government agency.

Focus Areas

- Build capability and capacity within the community
- Promote personal and community safety
- Promote participation in sport and recreation – particularly for youth
- Youth development

Additional Criteria

Building Capability & Capacity:

- Project encourages growth of communities and participation in community life.
- Preference for projects that assist the development of economically or socially disadvantaged groups in the community.

Sport and recreation

Priority will be given to:

- Programmes targeting youth – 13 to 20 year age group
- Spending that supports active participation by youth by providing essential items for the activity
- Projects that encourage volunteer involvement to support active participation by youth
- Projects that historically would have been eligible for Hillary Commission funding and have unsuccessfully sought funding from other sources

Safety:

- Projects that lead to a safer community environment.
- Projects that promote personal safety.
- Projects that help reduce crime in Wellington.

Youth:

- Programme targets youth in the 10-25 year age group.
- Programme emphasises youth involvement in planning, and learning to make constructive use of leisure time.
- Programme is unable to get sufficient funding from other sources.
- Project is aimed at keeping youth/rangatahi safe.
- Project encourages youth/rangatahi to develop their full potential as individuals and members of the community.
- Project encourages youth/rangatahi to participate in community networks and/or in the decision making and development of their city.

Additional Criteria for applications from Residents Associations

- The applicant organisation is registered with the Wellington City Council as a Residents Association.
- The applicant organisation has a committee.
- The applicant organisation has an active membership of 10 or more, excluding the committee, and the membership list is available for public inspection.
- The applicant organisation meets at least twice a year and keeps minutes of such meetings.
- The applicant organisation keeps accurate and detailed accounts.
- The applicant organisation agrees to make their accounts and minutes available to the Wellington City Council on request.

Additional criteria for applications for community venue assistance

Community venue assistance is intended to assist with the creating of community space for use by the community and as a venue where services and activities are delivered that contribute to the Social Well-being focus areas.

- Projects provide for a multi-purpose community space to run activities to meet the needs of the community
- Community development and community capability building is a core function of the applicant organisation

- The applicant organisation has an management committee to proactively manage the facility
- The applicant organisation has an active membership of 20 or more excluding the committee and the membership list is available for public inspection
- There is a demonstrable gap or need for the facility
- The Council does not support similar venues in the local area or suburb
- The applicant organisation may only receive funding in 2 consecutive years
- The maximum grant is for 30% of the annual rental or lease cost or \$15k, whichever is the lesser.
- Preference will be given to projects which support multiple user groups.

Cultural

Cultural grants can support arts projects that are community based, celebrate diversity, attract visitors to Wellington, and enhance Wellington's role as the Arts and Cultural Capital of New Zealand.

Focus Areas

- Maori art with particular emphasis on grassroots organisations and contemporary Maori art
- Grassroots organisations, particularly those with a focus on youth
- Significant community festivals and events
- Other specific arts projects that meet the criteria below

Additional Criteria

All projects must be community based and aimed at attracting or involving a minimum of 1,000 people and meet at least one of the following:

- Project encourages or increases youth participation in the arts
- Project preserves and enhances Wellington's role as Arts and Cultural Capital of New Zealand
- Project acknowledges community diversity and civic pride
- Project attracts visitors to Wellington and has a positive economic benefit for the city
- Project is a specific project for an exhibition or event
- Project demonstrates an emphasis on traditional or contemporary Maori cultural influences
- Applicant group is based in a geographic community (such as a suburb) or a community of interest (such as an ethnicity) and proposes a festival or event that reflects a community need

Economic

Economic grants are generally one-off grants to support projects that may be of economic benefit to Wellington or contribute to the city's sense of place. Projects that relate to the following Council economic priorities are especially encouraged, including:

- Strengthening the city's status as a centre of creativity and innovation

- Increasing Wellington's international linkages
- Attracting and retaining skilled migrants
- Encouraging the deployment of open access broadband infrastructure

Additional Criteria

- Projects should benefit the wider community rather than individuals or particular sectors
- Applicants should not be government agencies or limited liability companies