
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides recommendations for the distribution of the Council's Sports Development grants

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Grants Subcommittee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to provide Sports Development Grants to the applicants (as listed in Appendix Two).*

3. Background

The Sports Development Grant Fund was a new initiative as part of the 2007/08 Annual Plan providing for \$100,000 of grants to be made available annually to sports clubs to assist with strategic management through professional advice and support. In September 2007 the Grants Subcommittee approved criteria and funding guidelines for the fund, which are attached as Appendix one.

Over the last 18 months there has been an inconsistent number of applications and many only fitted loosely fitted the agreed criteria. It was decided as part of the 2009 -19 LTCCP the annual amount available for allocation would be reduced to \$50,000.

4. Discussion

With the reduction of the fund to \$50,000 the number of rounds has changed from three to one (July) with the full \$50,000 available for allocation

There are fifteen applications being considered with 4 of which were deferred from the March 2009 round (Appendix 3)

Officers' recommendations (Appendix two) are based on evidence of need, alignment with the Council's strategic goals, the grants criteria (Appendix one) and effectiveness of funding these projects. Officers from Sport and Recreation Engagement, Parks and Gardens, Property and Recreation Wellington have been asked for feedback on applications. The Grants team has also met and discussed the applications with Sport Wellington development officers.

The level of funding recommended takes into account:

- the amount needed for the project to proceed
- the availability of alternative funding sources
- an amount that reflects the level of fit with general and strategic criteria
- pressure, or potential pressure, on funds from other groups with similar applications

The original information provided by applicants has been forwarded to Subcommittee members in a separate book. The Grants team has contacted some applicants to request further information – applicants are given ten working days where possible to respond to a request for more information, so some recommendations may be subject to change depending on responses received after this report has been written. If members of the Subcommittee require more information on applications prior to the meeting, they can contact the Grants team, who will do their best to get this ready in time for the meeting.

5. Conclusion

The Subcommittee is asked to consider the applications received for Sports Development Grants and decide whether or not it is appropriate to fund the applicants and at what level.

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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) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

The Cultural grants come under project C661, the Environmental grants under project C652, the Social & Recreational grants under C678 and the Economic grants under project C647.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Any grants application that could have implications for Maori is referred to WCC Treaty Relations Office for recommendations. .

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. No other external consultation occurs

b) Consultation with Maori

no external consultation occurs

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.