

Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Services Committee
FROM: Chief Executive
DATE: 9 October 2008
FILE REF: COU2-700
SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION SUPPORT FUND – 2008/09**

1.0 SUMMARY

The Community Voluntary Organisation Support Fund (CVOS) Assessment Committee met on 25 September 2008 for the assessment of applications received for the 2008/09 year.

The funding summary is attached. Eight applications were received for Category 1 (\$5000) requesting funding of \$29,007. Four of the applications in this category were funded. The policy allows the Assessment Committee the flexibility to allocate excess funds from Category 1 to Category 2 when there are insufficient worthy or ineligible applicants to receive grants from Category 1.

Fifteen applications were received for Category 2 (\$15,000) requesting funding of \$60,978 and 11 were prioritised for funding.

The total amount of funding requested for 2008/09 was \$97,985, demonstrating a growing community need for funding of this nature. The level of funding requests has increased steadily each year and it has become very difficult for the Assessment Committee to allocate funds to organisations worthy of assistance with such a limited amount of funding available to distribute.

The CVOS Assessment Committee has unanimously requested that consideration be given by Council in the 2009-2019 LTCCP to increase the CVOS Fund to at least the \$30,000 per annum level (\$4.30 per ratepayer) it was prior to 2002 when the fund was reduced to \$20,000 (\$2.85 per ratepayer). At that stage the policy was amended from the 50/50 split between Category 1 and Category 2, with \$5000 being available in Category 1 and \$15,000 in Category 2.

The amount of funding assistance requested since 2001/2002 has more than doubled. In 2001 funding requests totalled \$44,900 compared with \$97,985 in 2008.

According to the Local Government Act, Council has responsibility for current and future social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the community as part of its community outcomes. The members of the CVOS Assessment Committee believe that the services that voluntary organisations provide to the community of Central Hawke's Bay should be acknowledged and supported accordingly.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the 2008/09 Funding report for the Community Voluntary Organisation Support Fund (CVOS) be received.
2. That consideration be given to increasing funding to \$30,000 per annum in the 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

REASON:

The Objective of the decision will contribute to the following Community Outcomes:

- *A Lifetime of good health and wellbeing.*
- *An environment that is appreciated, protected and sustained for future generations.*
- *Safe and secure communities.*
- *Supportive, caring and inclusive communities.*

3.0 BACKGROUND

Since 1992 Council has had in place a community fund to assist voluntary organisations within the district provide services and assistance to the community of Central Hawke's Bay.

In 2002 Council decided as part of the Annual Plan process to reduce the funding of the Community Initiatives Fund from \$30,000 to \$20,000. The fund had been split into two categories – Category 1 – new initiatives funding of \$15,000 and Category 2 – ongoing financial support for administration. The change in funding meant that the policy was amended to reduce the grants for new community initiatives from \$15,000 to \$5,000, with the Assessment Committee having the flexibility to allocate excess funds from Category 1 to Category 2 in those years when there are insufficient worthy applicants to receive grants from Category 1. The fund was also renamed the Community Voluntary Organisation Support Fund.

The amount of funding assistance requested since 2001/2002 has more than doubled. In 2001 funding requests totalled \$44,900 compared with \$97,985 this year. It is becoming increasingly difficult each year for the Assessment Committee to allocate funds to organisations worthy of assistance with such a limited amount of funding available for distribution.

The Assessment Committee has unanimously requested that consideration be given by Council to increasing the CVOS Fund to at least the \$30,000 per annum level it was prior to 2002 when the fund was reduced to \$20,000.

If this change in funding is approved, the policy will need to be amended. Careful consideration would need to be given to ensure financial support is provided at the appropriate amounts within the appropriate categories.

4.0 OPTIONS

Option 1

That the 2008/09 Funding report for the Community Voluntary Organisation Support Fund (CVOS) be received.

That consideration be given to increasing funding for the CVOS Fund to \$30,000 per annum in the 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

Option 2

That the 2008/09 Funding report be received.

That the level of funding remain at \$20,000 per annum for the CVOS Fund.

5.0 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2002

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 External

CVOS Assessment Committee

6.2 Internal

Councillor Mullins – Council representative on the CVOS Assessment Committee
Her Worship the Mayor
Chief Executive
Corporate Services Manager

7.0 FINANCIAL

Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019.

8.0 STRATEGIC LINKS

- LTCCP 2009-2019
- Local Governance Statement
- Council Community Outcomes

9.0 POLICY/DELEGATION REFERENCE

Policy 1.7 – Community Voluntary Organisation Support Fund Policy

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CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
SUMMARY SHEET - COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION SUPPORT FUND
2008/09

Category 1 - New Initiatives (\$5,000)

Applicants Name:	Application:	Total cost of project:	Applicants Contribution	Amount requested:	Allocation:
1. CHB Parents Centre	Establishment of Baby Feeding and Support Clinic	7310	2300	5010	1000
2. Porangahau Community Centre Inc.	Establishment of a community centre and running youth programmes	19,600	19,600	5000	Nil
3. Te Tai Tumu Youth Group	Aramoana/Pourerere Youth Development Programme	11,116	4000	7,116	Nil
4. Tough Love CHB	Establishment of Tough Love in CHB	22,620	10,184	5000	Nil
5. Waipawa 150 th Year Inc.	Establishment costs for Waipawa 150 th Celebrations	100,000	100,000	1000	1000
6. Waipukurau Blue Light Ventures	Provide a Fathers & Sons Camp at Wakarara	4176	2400	1776	Nil
7. Waipukurau Community Patrol	Establishment of a volunteer community patrol	2860	1000	1860	1000
8. Waipukurau Scout/Guide Hall Committee	Newly established committee for management of Scout/Guide Hall	2645	400	2245	1000
Totals Category 1:		\$170,327	\$139,884	\$29,007	\$4000

Category 2 - Administration, Ongoing Maintenance (\$15,000)

Applicants Name:	Applying for:	Total cost of project:	Applicants Contribution	Amount requested:	Allocation:
9. Age Concern CHB Inc	Administration costs	63,898	28,898	15,000	Nil
10. Anglican Care – Pakeke Centre	Administration costs	88,480	70,264	2500	2500
11. CHB A & P Association	Cost of St John to attend show	1008	500	508	500
12. CHB Budget Service	Administration Costs	4500	?	4500	Nil
13. CHB Junior Rugby	Administration Costs	687	Nil	1687	Nil
14. CHB Plunket Car Seat Rental Scheme	Costs of replacement Child seats	660	100	560	500
15. CHB Support & Counselling Services	Office rental costs	2826	500	2326	1500
16. CHB Toy Library	Administration costs	1120	Nil	1120	1000
17. Paul Hunter Centre	Administration costs	11,500	7500	4000	2000
18. Pleroma Trust	Administration costs	11,200	100	11,100	1500
19. St Andrews Youth Trust	Administration costs	79,700	74,700	5000	1000
20. Takapau Community Health Charitable Trust	Administration Costs	14,731	11,731	3000	3000
21. Takapau Playcentre	Administration costs	2017	456	1561	1500
22. Te Tai Tumu Youth Group	Administration costs	11,116	4000	8,116	Nil
23. Waipawa United Inc.	Insurance costs	2697	1697	1000	1000
Totals Category 2:		\$296,140	\$200,446	\$60,978	\$16,000

TOTAL FUNDS (Category 1 & 2)	\$466,467	\$340,330	\$97,985	\$20,000
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