

Our Reference 20/381



**TO:** Chair and Members  
Community and Environment Committee

**FROM:** Debbie Hunter

**DATE:** 01 May 2020

**SUBJECT:** EMERGENCY COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FUND

### **Recommendation**

That the Committee receives and notes the information.

### **Purpose of Memorandum**

1. This memorandum provides a regular update on funding that has been allocated through the Community Resilience Panel (the Panel) under the Community Resilience Fund, since the last meeting of the Committee held in May 2020.

### **Background**

2. On Tuesday 24 March 2020, Council resolved to establish a Community Resilience Fund and at an Extraordinary meeting of Council held on 9 April 2020 members endorsed the Community Resilience Fund.
2. The purpose of the funding was to ensure that organisations, groups and initiatives across Lower Hutt are financially supported to deliver services that support local resilience during the COVID-19 Alert Level 4 period and following recovery period.
5. The criteria targets the fund to organisations that are a NGO, registered charity and/or a community group providing community support to others in need to enable and strengthen our communities and improve their well-being during a time of crisis;
3. Council had been approached by a number of advocacy groups requesting support given the role sport and recreation plays in building resilience and supporting the wellbeing of our community, and the impact of COVID-19 on the financial viability of many local groups.
5. On Tuesday, 26 May 2020, Council agreed to the following:
  - (i) *to provide two months relief from lease costs for community groups with buildings on reserve land;*

- (ii) *the provision of grants of up to \$500 for sport and recreation groups via the Community Resilience Fund; and*
- (iii) *the Community resilience fund principles and criteria being amended to enable eligibility for sport and recreation groups."*
6. An additional \$30,000 has been ring fenced for the purpose of the above. Both the fund contribution and the foregone revenue for leases are managed within existing budgets. The Sport and Recreation category was implemented on 9 June 2020.
7. Council is also currently developing a draft COVID Recovery Plan which will include initiatives led by the community and supported by Council, some of which are already getting underway. Given there are still significant funds in the Community Resilience Fund, an opportunity was identified to additionally fund some of this activity through the Community Resilience Fund. This would require a change in the maximum allocation allowable.
8. On Tuesday, 18 June 2020, Council agreed to the following:
- "That the Community Resilience Fund criteria be amended to enable allocation of one off grants of up to \$20K to groups currently carrying out activity aligned to building resilience in the recovery of our city."*
9. The fund is promoted through Council's website and Facebook pages. The fund will continuously be open until fully spent.
10. Applications are assessed and each organisation is contacted to discuss their application.
11. The Senior Sport and Recreation Programmer sends through the Sport and Recreation group's recommendations to be discussed by the Community Resilience Panel. The decisions are made by the Chief Executive, Director of Strategy and Engagement and the Head of Mayor's Office are made weekly.

## Decisions

12. To date a total of \$26,769 has been allocated by the Panel. A total of \$7,473.09 is through the Sport and Recreation.
13. Below is an up-to-date list of the organisations that have received funding:

Applicant Name	Project Description	Granted
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Taita Pomare Community Trust	Purchase of a chest freezer to store meat and five chilly bins to be able to transport the frozen meat to their most vulnerable families within the community	\$1,674
Whanau Family Support Services	Purchase of activity packs for their Hutt Valley clients - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	\$2,000
Hutt Union and Community Health Services	Purchase of iPads for their doctors to be able to offer virtual consultations to their patients at their three clinics	\$2,000
Petone Budget Service	Purchase of cellphone top-ups for their clients	\$500
Lower Hutt Women's Centre	Purchase of cellphone top-ups, video conferencing licence fee to enable their clients to stay connected with their services	\$215
Hutt Time Bank	For tutor costs to support their clients who are isolated to feel more confident using technology and to use technology to overcome barriers to connecting with others	\$850
Central Youth Services Salvation Army	For the purchase of cellphone top-ups to support Hutt Valley young people with staying connected.	\$500
Brother & Sisters Collective	For the purposes of printing Toddler's Place educational resource books	\$559
African Youth Voice Wellington	For the purposes of translation services provided within the Hutt Valley	\$470
English Language Partners Hutt Valley	To support learners complete their online learning	\$500
Lower Hutt Parents Centre	For costs associated with Zoom Licences	\$500
Tākiri Mai te Ata Trust	For the purchase of equipment needs for the set-up of Pataakai Kai	\$2,000
Common Unity Project	For the purchase of equipment for their food packaging area.	\$2,000

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Community Law Wellington & Hutt Valley	For the printing of material/new resources, including COVID-19 messages and bilingual/multilingual pamphlets promoting their services within the Hutt Valley.	\$2,000
Gee and Hickton	Delivery of an Isolation Bereavement Support Programme	\$2,000
Supergrans Charitable Trust	For the purchase of cellphones so their volunteer staff can continue their engagement with participant families	\$1,500
Te Omanga Hospice	Bereavement Packs	\$1,000
Stokes Valley Foodbank	Purchase of a laptop, printer, office products to allow the foodbank to make operation more efficient.	\$2,000
Stokes Valley Scout Group	Towards zoom related costs	\$500
Point Howard Association	For the establishment of a community garden to support the wellbeing of elderly residents, teaching children about growing food and strengthen community resilience	\$2,000
Te Wairua Tapu	To assist with the purchase of equipment to support the establishment of a "Senior Connect" programme, supporting seniors in their homes using digital technology	\$2,000

### Sport and Recreation

Applicant Name	Granted
Naenae Soccer Club	\$424.17
Randwick Rugby League Club	\$326.67
Lower Hutt Primary Schools Sports Association	\$469.58
Maungaraki Tennis Club	\$427.47
Wellington City Mission	\$500.00
Netball Hutt Valley	\$275.84
Taita Cricket Club	\$500.00
Wainuiomata Small Bore Rifle Club	\$447.34
Stop Out Sports Club	\$313.34
Hutt Bowling Club Inc	\$500.00
Wainuiomata BMX Club	\$270.00

Ulalei Netball Club	\$500.00
Lower Hutt City Association Football and Sports Club	\$338.00
Avalon Rugby Football Club	\$500.00
Te Aroha Hutt Valley Association Inc	\$500.00
Petone Rugby League Club	\$483.34
Wainuiomata Rugby Club	\$197.34
Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club Inc	\$500.00
Hutt Valley Runners	\$500.00
Petone Rugby Football Club	\$242.11

14. Organisations are required to provide a short statement about their initiative including: what they did and how it was delivered; what impact the initiative had; how the grant funds were spent; receipts showing proof of purchase.
15. Council's website is updated weekly to reflect organisations that have been granted funding.

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