



# Community Funding Committee

*Te Komiti Motuhake o te Tohatoha Pūtea  
me ngā Whakawhiwhinga Rangatahi*

Tuesday, 18 March 2025

*Tūrei, 18 Poutūterangi 2025*

Tōtara Room, Whakatāne District Council  
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**A Membership - *Mematanga***

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Councillor Gavin Dennis - Chairperson

Councillor Ngapera Rangiaho

Councillor John Pullar

Reorua Panel Members:

Ripeka Hawkins

Mike Panapa

**B Delegations to the Community Funding Committee - *Tuku Mahi ki te Komiti***

To administer and allocate funds that Council manages as part of its Grants and Funding Portfolio in accordance with the Community Grants and Funding Policy 2023, and to incorporate additional funding streams as they arise. This includes external funds that Council manages, such as the Creative Communities Scheme and Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- To consider applications for grants and funds that are part of Council's Grants and Funding Portfolio and to make allocations within approved budgets in accordance with the Community Grants and Funding Policy 2023.
- New Zealand according to the specific priorities set by Creative New Zealand.

The Committee's decisions do not need to be approved or confirmed by the Council.

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## **1 Apologies - *Te hunga kāore i tae***

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No apologies were recorded at the time of compiling the agenda.

### **2 Acknowledgements / Tributes - *Ngā Mihimihi***

An opportunity for members to recognise achievements, to notify of events, or to pay tribute to an occasion of importance.

### **3 Conflicts of Interest - *Ngākau kōnatunatu***

The Elected Member Register of Interest is available on the Whakatāne District Council website. If you wish to view the information, please click this [Register Link](#)

Members are reminded of the need to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interests they might have. Elected Members are also reminded to update their register of interests when changes occur.

#### **1. Financial Conflict**

- Members present must declare any direct or indirect financial interest that they hold in any matter being discussed at the meeting, other than an interest that they hold in common with the public.
- Members cannot take part in the discussion, nor can they vote on any matter in which they have a direct or indirect financial interest, unless with an approved exception.
- Members with a financial interest should physically withdraw themselves from the table. If the meeting is public excluded, members should leave the room.

#### **2. Non-Financial Conflict**

- If a member considers that they have a non-financial conflict of interest in a matter they must not take part in the discussions about that matter or any subsequent vote.
- Members with a non-financial interest must leave the table when the matter is considered but are not required to leave the room.

#### **4 Public Participation- *Wānanga Tūmatanui***

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#### **4.1 Public Forum - *Wānanga Tūmatanui***

The Committee has set aside 30 minutes for members of the public to speak in the public forum at the commencement of each meeting. Each speaker during the forum may speak for five minutes. Permission of the Chairperson is required for any person wishing to speak during the public forum.

With the permission of the Chairperson, Elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

- Barb Phillips
- Cameron Phillips
- The Mahi Kai Trust - Danielle Moore
- Hiria Wallace
- Raroa Marae Trust - Ngarangi Toko

#### **4.2 Deputations - *Nga Whakapuaki Whaitake***

A deputation enables a person, group or organisation to make a presentation to Committee on a matter or matters covered by their terms of reference. Deputations should be approved by the Chairperson, or an official with delegated authority, five working days before the meeting. Deputations may be heard at the commencement of the meeting or at the time that the relevant agenda item is being considered. No more than two speakers can speak on behalf of an organisation's deputation. Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes, or with the permission of the Chairperson, a longer timeframe may be allocated.

With the permission of the Chairperson, Elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the deputation.

### **5 Confirmation of Minutes - *Te whakaaetanga o ngā meneti o te hui***

The minutes from the Community Funding Committee meeting held Tuesday, 5 November 2024 can be viewed via the Council website.

Click on the link below in order to view the 'unconfirmed minutes'

- [Minutes - Community Funding Committee 5 November 2024](#)

## 6 Reports - *Ngā Pūrongo*

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#### 6.1 Reorua Contestable Fund – March 2025



To: **Community Funding Committee**

Date: **Tuesday, 18 March 2025**

Author: **E Parsons Rossiter / Community Funding Advisor**

Authoriser: **E Hatch / GM People and Partnerships**

Reference: **A2847972**

#### 1. Reason for the report - *Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata*

That the Committee considers the applications received for the 'Reorua Contestable Fund - March 2025' and allocates funding to the recipients accordingly.

Applications opened on 10 February and closed on 2 March 2025. There is \$14,394.00 available for this round of the Reorua Contestable Fund. A total of seven valid applications were received requesting a total of \$14,254.80.

Five applicants have indicated they would like to address the Funding Committee about their application.

A summary of the valid applications is appended to the report.

#### 2. Recommendations - *Tohutohu akiaki*

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the report Reorua Contestable Fund - March 2025; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the applications to the Reorua Contestable Fund - March 2025; and
3. THAT the Community Funding Committee **considers** the applications to the Reorua Contestable Fund - March 2025 and **allocates** the funding to recipients accordingly.

#### 3. Background - *He tirohanga whakamuri*

Whakatāne and Murupara are designated Reorua areas as part of a partnership between Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa and Whakatāne District Council.

The Reorua initiative is supported by Aotearoa Reorua, which is a national movement that assists towns and cities across New Zealand to become bilingual centres.

Iwi partners and Councils work together to develop a bilingual strategy for their areas to create more spaces, places, and opportunities where Te Reo Māori is seen, heard, and celebrated alongside the English language.

**6.1 Reorua Contestable Fund – March 2025(Cont.)**

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa (TRONA), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa (TRONM), and Whakatāne District Council leadership teams with the support of Department of Internal Affairs collaboratively established Whakatāne and Murupara as Reorua townships. Together, these organisations recognise Reorua as a powerful platform for advancing Te Reo Māori revitalisation efforts within the towns and encompassing the whole rohe (boundaries) of the district.

The name of this fund was altered, from the Reorua ki Whakatāne Fund, to the Reorua Contestable Fund, to avoid confusion about applicant eligibility.

The Reorua Contestable Fund was developed through this partnership to support bilingual events and activities that help meet the Reorua Contestable Fund goals.

*Ko tōku reo tōku ohooho, ko tōku reo tōku māpihi maurea.*

*My language is my awakening, my language is my treasure.*

**4. Discussion – Kōrerorero**

All applications are assessed according to the merit of the project, based on guidelines developed through consultation between Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa and Whakatāne District Council.

All applications, whether from businesses, community groups or individuals are asked to identify the benefits of the proposed project to the community and must align with the strategic priorities and goals for the Reorua Contestable Fund:

- To improve understanding and use of Te Reo Māori in our communities
- To make Te Reo Māori seen, heard, felt, spoken and valued throughout the Whakatāne District
- To develop resources and programmes that revitalise, and encourage, the use of Te Reo Māori all around the Whakatāne District
- To increase opportunities for people to engage with and learn Te Reo Māori.

**5. Options Analysis - Ngā Kōwhiringa**

No options have been identified relating to the matters of this report.

**6. Significance and Engagement Assessment - Aromatawai Pāhekoheko****6.1. Assessment of Significance**

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed to be of low significance, in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

**6.2. Engagement and Community Views**

The Reorua Contestable Fund is now into its third funding round, and as such, is becoming well established as a key grant funding round managed as part of Whakatāne District Council's funding portfolio. This portfolio includes a mix of Council-funded grants, externally funded grants and partnership funds.

**6.1 Reorua Contestable Fund – March 2025(Cont.)**

The fund was discussed as part of the development of the updated Community Grants and Funding Policy and the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, both of which processes were engaged on extensively.

The latest Reorua fund was advertised externally through various media outlets including the local newspaper, community news, social media, radio and included direct mail to over 500 Council contacts and networks.

Engagement on this matter is not being undertaken in accordance with Section 6.1 of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, subsections (b) and (e):

(b) Council will not consult when there is already a sound understanding of the views and preferences of the persons likely to be affected or interested in the matter.

(e) The matter has already been addressed by the Council's policies or plans, which have previously been consulted on.

**7. Considerations - *Whai Whakaaro***

No inconsistencies with any of the Council's policies or plans have been identified in relation to this report.

**7.1. Legal**

No outstanding legislative requirements or obligations have been identified in relation to this report. The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) mandates councils to uphold the Crown's responsibilities by considering Treaty of Waitangi principles and facilitating Māori participation in local decision-making.

**7.2. Financial/Budget Considerations**

The budget allocation for this fund has been provided by Māori Strategic Partnerships through the LTP bid. There are no outstanding budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report. There is an administrative cost to Council (largely staff time) from members of the Māori Strategic Partnerships team, Governance and the Community Partnerships team, and also from external funding panel members.

**7.3. Climate Change Assessment**

There are no significant or notable impacts associated with the matters of this report. However, the very nature of the Reorua Contestable Fund is to encourage communication within key communities within our district. This is likely over time to enhance Goal 1 of the Climate Change Strategy:

- We all understand and can act on climate change and its impacts.

It is expected projects and activities supported through the Reorua Contestable Fund could have a positive impact on this goal in the medium to long term. However, the significance of this is likely to be low.

**7.4. Risks**

The only risk identified for this process is the potential for some members of the public to feel that the funds being distributed are not being used in the best way possible, or that the goals of Aotearoa Reorua are not supported by all.

**6.1 Reorua Contestable Fund – March 2025(Cont.)**

Risk	Description and/or Mitigation
Dissatisfaction with Aotearoa Reorua and its fund distribution process.	Information and education on the aims of the programme and the success of funded initiatives.

**8. Next Steps – E whai ake nei**

Once decisions have been made, successful and unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the decisions and funding will be distributed accordingly.

**Attached to this report:**

Appendix A – Summary of Applications

Reference Number	Organisation/Applicant Name	Project Title	Amount Requested
RRKW000001	The Mahi Kai Trust	Matariki With Mahi Kai	\$1,329.94
RRKW000002	Rarua Marae Trust	Tamaruarangitanga	\$1,500.00
RRKW000003	Whakarae Marae	Whakarae Reorua	\$1,500.00
RRKW000004	Te Kura o Te Paroa	Tirohanga Whakamua – Inspiring the Future Event in Te Reo Māori	\$1,680.06
RRKW000007	C Phillips	Matariki ki Moutohora	\$3,500.00
RRKW000009	B Phillips	Wairaka Reo Night Classes	\$1,664.80
RRKW000010	H Wallace	Reo o ia rā - Everyday language - conversational language	\$3,080.00
Total Amount Requested:			\$14,254.80

## 6.2 Te Puaha Scholarship Fund – March 2025

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To: **Community Funding Committee**  
Date: **Tuesday, 18 March 2025**  
Author: **E Parsons Rossiter / Community Funding Advisor**  
Authoriser: **E Hatch / GM People and Partnerships**  
Reference: **A2847985**

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#### 1. Reason for the report - *Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata*

That the Committee considers the applications received for the Te Puaha Scholarship Fund – March 2025 and allocates funding to the recipients accordingly.

Applications opened on 10 February and closed on 2 March 2025. There is \$38,455.00 in total available for the Te Puaha Scholarship Fund and the Te Puaha General Fund. One valid application was received for scholarship funding requesting a total of \$5000.00

A summary of the application is appended to the report.

#### 2. Recommendation/s - *Tohutohu akiaki*

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee receives the report Te Puaha Scholarships Fund - March 2025; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee receives the application to the Te Puaha Scholarships Fund - March 2025; and
3. THAT the Community Funding Committee considers the application to the Te Puaha Scholarships Fund – March 2025 and allocates funding to the recipient accordingly.

#### 3. Background - *He tirohanga whakamuri*

The Te Puaha Scholarship Fund is open to individuals who are involved in, or would like to be involved in, activities and projects linked to the Whakatāne District's waterways and marine environment.

This fund is for anyone interested in water-related activities, and who wants to improve their education, personal development, training, skills or experience.

The scholarship is valid for study, research, training or related activities that take place in and/or benefit the Whakatāne District. Council is keen to support activities that have the potential to develop future leaders that will be champions for marine, waterways and coastal environments.

The Te Puaha Scholarship Fund is linked to the Te Puaha General Fund and uses funding set aside for this purpose.



**6.2 Te Puaha Scholarship Fund – March 2025(Cont.)****4. Discussion – Kōrerorero**

The application will be assessed according to its merit, based on the fund guidelines. The applicant is required to identify the benefits of the proposed funding to themselves and/or the community they live in. If successful, the applicant will be expected to report back on how the funding was used and what they have learned or experienced.

**5. Options Analysis - *Ngā Kōwhiringa***

No options have been identified relating to the matters of this report.

**6. Significance and Engagement Assessment - Aromatawai Pāhekoheko****6.1. Assessment of Significance**

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed to be of low significance, in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

**6.2. Engagement and Community Views**

Although there has been a relatively recent 'rebranding' of the Te Puaha Fund, including the establishment of this scholarship fund, water safety grants are a well-established part of Council's funding portfolio.

The Te Puaha Fund was discussed as part of the updated Community Grants and Funding Policy and confirmed through the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, both of which processes were engaged on extensively.

Engagement on this matter is not being undertaken in accordance with Section 6.1 of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, subsections (b) and (e):

(b) Council will not consult when there is already a sound understanding of the views and preferences of the persons likely to be affected or interested in the matter.

(e) The matter has already been addressed by the Council's policies or plans, which have previously been consulted on.

The Te Puaha Scholarship Fund was advertised externally through various media outlets including the local newspaper, community newsletters, social media, radio and emails to over 550 Council contacts and networks.

**7. Considerations - *Whai Whakaaro*****7.1. Strategic Alignment**

No inconsistencies with any of the Council's policies or plans have been identified in relation to this report.

**6.2 Te Puaha Scholarship Fund – March 2025(Cont.)****7.2. Legal**

- No outstanding legislative requirements or obligations have been identified in relation to this report.

**7.3. Financial/Budget Considerations**

The budget allocation for Te Puaha Scholarship Fund is the responsibility of the Ports and Harbours team at Whakatāne District Council. There are no outstanding budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

There is an administrative cost to Council (largely staff time) from members of the Ports and Harbours team, Governance, Communications and Community Partnerships.

**7.4. Climate Change Assessment**

There are no significant or notable impacts associated with the matters of this report. However, the very nature of the Te Puaha Scholarship Fund is to support educational or other projects or activities linked to Whakatāne District's waterways and marine environment.

This very much includes supporting research and activities related to our waterways that promote or enhance the goals of our Climate Change Strategy:

- Goal 1: We all understand and can act on climate change and its impacts.
- Goal 2: We have prioritised a just transition to low emissions.
- Goal 3: We will continue to adapt, to reduce the effects of climate change

It is expected that the Te Puaha Scholarship Fund will have a positive impact on these goals in the medium to long term, however, the significance of this is likely to be low.

**7.5. Risks**

There are no significant or notable risks associated with the matters of this report.

**8. Next Steps – E whai ake nei**

Once a decision has been made, the applicant will be informed and, if successful, funding will be distributed accordingly.

**Attached to the report:**

Appendix A – Summary of Applications

**6.2 Te Puaha Scholarship Fund – March 2025(Cont.)****Summary of Applications:**

Reference Number	Organisation/Applicant Name	Project Title	Amount Requested
TP500001	C Cowley	Mātauranga Māori and Māori community response and recovery following the 2004 Eastern Bay of Plenty flood event.	\$5,000.00
Total Amount Requested:			\$5,000.00

### 6.3 Te Puaha General Fund – March 2025

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To: **Community Funding Committee**  
Date: **Tuesday, 18 March 2025**  
Author: **E Parsons Rossiter / Community Funding Advisor**  
Authoriser: **E Hatch / GM People and Partnerships**  
Reference: **A2847987**

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##### 1. Reason for the report - *Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata*

That the Committee considers the applications received for the first round of 'Te Puaha General Fund – March 2025' and allocates funding to the recipients accordingly.

Applications opened on 10 February and closed on 2 March, 2025. There is \$38,455.00 in total available for the Te Puaha General Fund and the Te Puaha Scholarship Fund. Seven valid applications were received requesting a total of \$24,182.94.

A summary of these applications is appended to the report.

##### 2. Recommendation/s - *Tohutohu akiaki*

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the Te Puaha General Fund – March 2025 report; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the applications to the Te Puaha General Fund – March 2025; and
3. THAT the Community Funding Committee **considers** the applications to the Te Puaha General Fund - March 2025 and **allocates** funding to recipients accordingly.

##### 3. Background - *He tirohanga whakamuri*

Whakatāne District Council administers the Te Puaha Fund, which is a formalisation of the previous water safety grants included in the Annual Grants rounds prior to 2019.

The fund is held by Council's Ports and Harbours Team. It aims to support water projects or activities conducted within or adjacent to prescribed waterways within Whakatāne District that encourage better use of our waterways, protect and enhance our waterways and / or improve water safety.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for grants up to \$5,000, although applications for amounts higher than this may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**6.3 Te Puaha General Fund – March 2025(Cont.)****4. Discussion – Kōrerorero**

All applications are assessed according to the merit of the project, based on the fund guidelines. Applicants are required to identify the benefits of the proposed project to the community and priority is given to projects or kaupapa that a wide range of people will be able to participate in. Funded activities must take place within the Whakatāne District rateable area.

**5. Options Analysis - *Ngā Kōwhiringa***

No options have been identified relating to the matters of this report.

**6. Significance and Engagement Assessment - Aromatawai Pāhekoheko****6.1. Assessment of Significance**

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed to be of low significance, in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

**6.2. Engagement and Community Views**

Although there has been a relatively recent 'rebranding' of the Te Puaha Fund, water safety grants are a well-established part of Council's funding portfolio. This is the third round of the general Te Puaha fund.

The Te Puaha Fund was discussed as part of the updated Community Grants and Funding Policy and confirmed through the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, both of which processes were engaged on extensively.

Engagement on this matter is not being undertaken in accordance with Section 6.1 of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, subsections (b) and (e):

(b) Council will not consult when there is already a sound understanding of the views and preferences of the persons likely to be affected or interested in the matter.

(e) The matter has already been addressed by the Council's policies or plans, which have previously been consulted on.

The Te Puaha Fund was advertised externally through various media outlets including the local newspaper, community newsletters, social media, radio and emails to more than 550 Council contacts and networks.

**7. Considerations - *Whai Whakaaro*****7.1. Strategic Alignment**

No inconsistencies with any of the Council's policies or plans have been identified in relation to this report.

**6.3 Te Puaha General Fund – March 2025(Cont.)****7.2. Legal**

- No outstanding legislative requirements or obligations have been identified in relation to this report.

**7.3. Financial/Budget Considerations**

The budget allocation for Te Puaha Fund is the responsibility of the Ports and Harbours team at Whakatāne District Council. There are no outstanding budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

There is an administrative cost to Council (largely staff time) from members of the Ports and Harbours team, Governance, Communications and Community Partnerships.

**7.4. Climate Change Assessment**

There are no significant or notable impacts associated with the matters of this report. However, the very nature of the Te Puaha Fund is to support projects or activities conducted within or adjacent to prescribed waterways within Whakatāne District.

This very much includes supporting research and activities related to our waterways that promote or enhance the goals of our Climate Change Strategy:

- Goal 1: We all understand and can act on climate change and its impacts.
- Goal 2: We have prioritised a just transition to low emissions.
- Goal 3: We will continue to adapt, to reduce the effects of climate change.

It is expected that the Te Puaha Fund will have a positive impact on these goals in the medium to long term, however, the significance of this is likely to be low.

**7.5. Risks**

There are no significant or notable risks associated with the matters of this report.

**8. Next Steps – E whai ake nei**

Once decisions have been made, successful and unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the decisions, and funding will be distributed accordingly.

**Attached to the report:**

Appendix A - Summary of Applications

## 6.3 Te Puaha General Fund – March 2025(Cont.)

Reference Number	Organisation/Applicant Name	Programme Title	Amount Requested
TPF00001	The Mahi Kai Trust	Te Kohi Kai Youth Day	\$900.00
TPF00003	Kingsley Scout Group	Life jackets for Group	\$1,659.74
TPF00004	Tarawera Outrigger Canoe Club	Additional paddles due to strong demand for "Whakatāne District residents learning to paddle".	\$2,244.00
TPF00005	Trident High School	Water safe adventures in our local backyard	\$4,500.00
TPF00006	Eastbay REAP	Celebrate Connecting with our Seas Toi Moana Toi Tangata	\$7,379.20
TPF00008	R.E.K.A (Charitable) Trust	Mai <del>Turuturu</del> Roimata ki <del>Pekatahi</del>	\$5,000.00
TPF00011	Tarawera Outrigger Canoe Club	Obtaining a spray skirt for a waka ama canoe.	\$2,500.00
Total Amount Requested:			\$24,182.94



## 6.4 Community Matching Fund – March 2025

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To: **Community Funding Committee**  
Date: **Tuesday, 18 March 2025**  
Author: **E Parsons Rossiter / Community Funding Advisor**  
Authoriser: **E Hatch / GM People and Partnerships**  
Reference: **A2847976**

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#### 1. Reason for the report - *Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata*

That the Committee considers the applications received for the first round of the Community Matching Fund for 2025 and allocates funding to the recipients accordingly.

Applications opened on 10 February and closed on 2 March, 2025. There is \$26,394.00 available for this round of the Community Matching Fund. A total of 23 valid applications were received requesting a total of \$141,489.89.

A summary of the valid applications is appended to the report.

#### 2. Recommendation/s - *Tohutohu akiaki*

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the report Community Matching Fund – March 2025; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the applications to the Community Matching Fund – March 2025; and
3. THAT the Community Funding Committee **considers** the applications to the Community Matching Fund – March 2025 and **allocates** the funding to recipients accordingly.

#### 3. Background - *He tirohanga whakamuri*

The Community Matching Fund is an initiative which supports not-for-profit organisations within the Whakatāne District that are working for the benefit of our communities.

How it works:

Organisations can apply for the dollar value of donations and contributions they have received from the community, and if successful, Whakatāne District Council will “match” these contributions with a grant. The arrangement is a 50/50 share. Council’s share is a grant, and the organisation’s share can be any combination of:

- Volunteer labour that has been donated by individuals (valued at \$23.50 per hour)
- Donated professional services valued at up to \$65/hour

**6.4 Community Matching Fund – March 2025(Cont.)**

- Equipment and materials donated to their organisation
- Funding, grants, and other monetary donations to their organisation.

Council will also consider other types of donations and contributions not listed here.

**4. Discussion – Kōrerorero**

The Community Matching Fund is intended to fund projects, programmes, and activities that benefit the Whakatāne District, its residents, and its communities. Applicants must be active in the Whakatāne District to be eligible.

In addition, preference will be given to fund applicants that:

- Have a clear plan in their application, identify exactly how funding will be used, and provide a budget for the project/activity
- Demonstrate that there is a community need and/or community support for the project or activity
- Support vulnerable and marginalised people and groups in our community
- Align with Whakatāne District Council's values.

**5. Options Analysis - *Ngā Kōwhiringa***

No options have been identified relating to the matters of this report.

**6. Significance and Engagement Assessment - Aromatawai Pāhekoheko****6.1. Assessment of Significance**

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed to be of low significance, in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

**6.2. Engagement and Community Views**

The Community Matching Fund replaces the previous Annual Grant funding rounds. This change was signalled through the development of the updated Community Grants and Funding Policy and confirmed through the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, both of which processes were engaged on extensively.

The Community Matching Fund was advertised externally through various media outlets including the local newspaper, community newsletters, social media, radio and emails to over 550 Council contacts and networks.

Engagement on this matter is not being undertaken in accordance with Section 6.1 of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, subsections (b) and (e):

(b) Council will not consult when there is already a sound understanding of the views and preferences of the persons likely to be affected or interested in the matter.

(e) The matter has already been addressed by the Council's policies or plans, which have previously been consulted on.

**6.4 Community Matching Fund – March 2025(Cont.)****7. Considerations - *Whai Whakaaro*****7.1. Strategic Alignment**

No inconsistencies with any of Council's policies or plans have been identified in relation to this report.

**7.2. Legal**

- No outstanding legislative requirements or obligations have been identified in relation to this report.

**7.3. Financial/Budget Considerations**

The budget allocation for the Community Matching Fund was confirmed through the Long Term Plan.

There is an administrative cost to Council (largely staff time) from members of the Governance, Communications and Community Partnerships teams and advertising costs.

**7.4. Climate Change Assessment**

There are no significant or notable impacts associated with the matters of this report. However, the very nature of the Community Matching Fund is to encourage projects and activities that support and benefit the communities within Whakatāne District. This may include activities that promote or enhance the goals of our Climate Change Strategy:

- Goal 1: We all understand and can act on climate change and its impacts.
- Goal 2: We have prioritised a just transition to low emissions.
- Goal 3: We will continue to adapt, to reduce the effects of climate change

It is expected that projects and activities supported through the Community Matching Fund will have a positive impact on these goals in the medium to long term, however, the significance of this is likely to be low.

**7.5. Risks**

There are no significant or notable risks associated with the matters of this report.

**8. Next Steps – E whai ake nei**

Once decisions have been made, successful and unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the decisions and funding will be distributed accordingly.

**Attached to this Report:**

Appendix A – Summary of Applications

## 6.4 Community Matching Fund – March 2025(Cont.)

Reference Number	Organisation/Applicant Name	Programme Title	Amount Requested
CMF002	Te Kura Motuhake	Te Wharetapu o Hinenuitepo	\$10,000.00
CMF003	Whakatāne Kiwi Trust	Operation Nest Egg	\$10,000.00
CMF005	L J Aikman	Printing "Wainui and Waingarara 1895 -1973. The Settlers and the Schools" A collection of history and memories	\$3,000.00
CMF006	The Events Network Trust	Community Shared Resources Project - Supporting Local Charities	\$2,832.37
CMF007	Life Education Trust EBOP	Workbooks for use in classroom	\$2,500.00
CMF008	People First New Zealand	Raising Awareness of Inclusion	\$12,726.00
CMF009	Whakatane Accessible and Inclusive	Community education and training for members	\$2,325.00
CMF010	Nukuhou North Settlers Hall Incorporated	Contribution towards annual insurance acc	\$6,000.00
CMF013	Financial Mentoring Services (Budget Advisory Service Whakatane Inc)	Community Needs	\$4,429.86
CMF015	The Edgecumbe Choir	Mostly Mozart	\$2,400.00
CMF016	Sea Cleaners Trust	Sea Cleaners' services in Whakatāne District	\$10,000.00
CMF017	Lions Club of Ohope Beach	Ōhope Lions Wharfside Project – Stage 1	\$9,100.00
CMF019	Have a Heart Charitable Trust	Have a Heart Food Hub/Whare Kai	\$19,222.00
CMF020	Hospice Eastern Bay of Plenty	Hospice Eastern Bay of Plenty - ensuring patient palliative care - equipment shortages funding support	\$3,120.90
CMF022	The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - Whakatane Centre	Fixing the Future: Desexing for Community Wellbeing and a Greener Whakatāne	\$5,000.00

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CMF023	Eastern Bay of Plenty Riding for the Disabled	Horse Gear	\$3,262.65
CMF025	Waterwheel Historic Trust	Farming Like Grandad 2025	\$5,750.00
CMF026	Whakatāne District Community Arts Council Incorporated	Operational Funding support for Arts Whakatāne to ensure continued community impact.	\$4,360.61
CMF029	Mums4Mums Charitable Trust	Mums4Mums New Mums and Babies Project	\$3,471.50
CMF030	Whakatāne Citizens Band Inc T/A Eastern Bay of Plenty Brass	Anzac Reflections	\$3,833.00
CMF032	Te Aka Toitu Trust	Rural Connectivity Te Urewera	\$10,000.00
CMF033	Air Training Corporation - 35 Squadron	Air Training Corp - 35 Squadron 2025 Programme	\$5,756.00
CMF034	Hearing Support Bay of Plenty	Sounds Good school programme	\$2,400.00
<b>Total Amount Requested:</b>			<b>\$141,489.89</b>