

Minutes - Community Funding Committee 18 March 2025

 WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i>	Details of Meeting:	COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN ROOM TŌTARA, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2025, COMMENCING AT 1:00 PM.
	Present:	Councillors G Dennis (Chairperson), Councillors J Pullar and N Rangiaho Reorua Panel Members: R Hawkins and T Pono
	In Attendance:	E Hatch (General Manager People and Partnerships), K Summerhays (Senior Community Development Advisor), E Rossiter (Community Funding Advisor), M Read (Team Leader Ports and Airports), T Hotene (Reorua Project Manager) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	B Phillips, C Phillips, H Wallace and H McLean
	Apologies:	

The meeting was opened with a karakia given by Member Te Pono Te Pono at 1:00 pm.

1 APOLOGIES

None advised.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/TRIBUTES

None advised.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None advised.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 Barb Phillips

B Phillips was seeking funds to assist in costs associated with delivering a 10-week Te Reo Māori course, open to all residents of the Whakatāne District. The course aimed to provide participants with basic Te Reo Māori language skills in a safe, friendly, and engaging environment.

4.2 Cameron Phillips

C Phillips presented her application for funding for Matariki ki Moutohorā, an event focused on values, cultural practices, tikanga, and awa, with particular emphasis on Matariki and Noho. The two-day event aimed to strengthen participants' connections to their hapū and Moutohorā while fostering cultural identity. Amended quotes were provided for consideration.

4.3 Hiria Wallace

H Wallace sought funding for a 10-week Te Reo Māori course, with the first 9 weeks conducted online and the final week featuring a lunch event in July 2025. The course aimed to teach everyday language in a face-to-face setting, creating an interactive environment for participants. A booklet will also be provided as a resource for learners.

4.4 Raroa Marae Trust - Hohepa McLean

H McLean presentation highlighted the Maraes aimed to enhance the understanding, use, and visibility of Te Reo Māori throughout the Whānau and Hāpū of Tamaruarangi, with the goal of normalising Te Reo within homes, Maraes, and community spaces.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm and reconvened at 1:43 pm.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 6 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

THAT the Community Funding Committee **confirm** the minutes of its meeting, held on 5 November 2025 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS

6.1 Reorua Contestable Fund – March 2025

Refer to pages 7-10 of the agenda.

The Community Funding Advisor presented the report, and the following points were highlighted in the discussion:

- The committee engaged in a substantive discussion regarding Te Reo, Kaupapa, and the nuanced aspects of language delivery and cultural representation. Members explored the importance of linguistic and cultural communication methods.
- The committee determined that organisations applying to multiple funds would be evaluated individually on a case-by-case basis, ensuring fair and comprehensive assessment.
- Significant emphasis was placed on learning about Maraes, their particular teachings, and the critical importance of connecting individuals back to their specific Marae. Members stressed the significance of recognising that each Marae is uniquely linked to specific ancestors and genealogical connections, cautioning against generalisation.
- Applicants were strongly advised to double-check all documents before submission.

- All available funds were fully exhausted in grant distribution.

Moved Member Hawkins / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

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

Name (Individual/Organisation)	Activity	Amount Allocated
The Mahi Kai Trust	Matariki With Mahi Kai	\$1,329.94
Raroa Marae Trust	Tamaruarangitanga	\$1,500.00
Whakarae Marae	Whakarae Reorua	\$1,500.00
Te Kura o Te Paroa	Tirohanga Whakamua – Inspiring the Future Event in Te Reo Māori	\$1,680.06
Cameron Phillips	Matariki ki Moutohora	\$3,639.20
Barb Phillips	Wairaka Reo Night Classes	\$1,664.80
Hiria Wallace	Reo o ia rā - Everyday language - conversational language	\$3,080.00
Total:		\$14,394.00

CARRIED

Attendance: Reorua Project manager, T Poono and R Hawkins left the meeting at 2:29 pm.

6.2 Te Puaha General Fund – March 2025

Refer to pages 15-17 of the agenda.

The Community Funding Advisor presented the report, and the following points were highlighted in the discussion:

- The Mahi Kai event, scheduled for 19-20 May 2025, was discussed. The organisation had not submitted accountability forms previously, prompting the committee to:
 - Review their progress in the current funding round.
 - Assess their alignment with established funding criteria.
- The committee deliberated on refining the existing funding criteria. It was noted that retrospective applications were not eligible for funding.
- Members clarified that funding was primarily intended for water activities, with explicit exclusion of planning-related expenses.

Moved Chairperson Dennis / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

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.

Name (Individual/Organisation)	Activity	Amount Allocated
The Mahi Kai Trust	Te Kohi Kai Youth Day	\$900.00
Kingsley Scout Group	Life jackets for Group	\$1,659.74
Tarawera Outrigger Canoe Club	Applying for additional paddles due to strong demand for "Whakatāne district residents learning to paddle".	\$2,244.00
Trident High School	Water safe adventures in our local backyard	\$4,500.00
R.E.K.A (Charitable) Trust	Mai Turuturu Roimata ki Pekatahi	\$2,000.00

Tarawera Outrigger Canoe Club	Obtaining a spray skirt for a waka ama canoe.	\$2,500.00
Total:		\$13,804.74

CARRIED

6.3 Te Puaha Scholarship Fund – March 2025

Refer to pages 11-14 of the agenda.

The committee reviewed a single application for the specified fund. Upon careful examination, members unanimously concluded that the application did not meet the established funding criteria. Consequently, no funds were allocated.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

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 applications did not meet the established funding criteria, and no funds were **allocated**.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm and reconvened at 3:35 pm.

6.4 Community Matching Fund – March 2025

Refer to pages 19-23 of the agenda.

The Community Funding Advisor presented the report, and the following points were highlighted in the discussion:

- The fund under review was significantly oversubscribed.
- Geographical proximity was a key consideration in grant allocation.
- Partial funds were distributed to eligible applicants.

Moved Councillor Rangiaho / Seconded Chairperson Dennis

RESOLVED:

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.

Name (Individual/Organisation)	Activity	Amount Allocated
Lorna Jean Aikman	Printing "Wainui and Waingarara 1895 -1973. The Settlers and the schools" A collection of history and memories	\$900.00
Whakatane Accessible and Inclusive	Community education and training for members	\$2,000.00
Nukuhou North Settlers Hall Incorporated	Contribution towards annual insurance acc	\$2,000.00
Financial Mentoring Services (Budget Advisory Service Whakatane Inc)	Community Needs	\$1,400.00
The Edgecumbe Choir	Mostly Mozart	\$1,000.00
Have a Heart Charitable Trust	Have a Heart Food Hub/Whare Kai	\$5,400.00
Hospice Eastern Bay of Plenty	Hospice Eastern Bay of Plenty-ensuring patient palliative care -equipment shortages funding support	\$1,500.00
Waterwheel Historic Trust	Farming Like Grandad 2025	\$1,900.00

Whakatāne District Community Arts Council Incorporated	Operational Funding support for Arts Whakatāne to ensure continued community impact.	\$1,200.00
Mums4Mums Charitable Trust	Mums4Mums New Mums and Babies Project	\$2,000.00
Te Aka Toitu Trust	Rural Connectivity Te Urewera	\$4,000.00
Air Training Corporation - 35 Squadron	Air Training Corp - 35 Squadron 2025 Programme	\$2,000.00
Hearing Support Bay of Plenty	Sounds Good school programme	\$1,094.00
Total:		\$26,394.00

CARRIED

The meeting was closed with karakia by Councillor Rangiaho 4:34 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON