



# Community Funding Committee

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

Thursday, 11 September 2025

*Tāite, 11 Mahuru 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

Creative Communities Scheme panel members:

Ngarangi Chapman

Sue Whale

Moirā Hannah

Kim Fort

Annabel Caudwell

Sue Gould

**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***

#### **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.

- Gloria Taylor
- Te Roopu Toi o Pukeko

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

- Whakatane Kerala Community Inc
- Whakatane Seventh Day Adventist School
- The Edgecumbe Choir
- Eastern Bay Media Trust
- Whakatāne District Community Arts Council Incorporated
- Whakatane Citizens Band Inc T/A Eastern Bay of Plenty Brass
- Aaron Potaka

**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***

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The minutes from the Community Funding Committee held Thursday, 31 July 2025 can be viewed via the Council website.

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

- [Unconfirmed Minutes Community Funding Committee - 31 July 2025](#)

## 6 Reports - *Ngā Pūrongo*

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#### 6.1 Creative Communities Scheme – September 2025



To: **Community Funding Committee**

Date: **Thursday, 11 September 2025**

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

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

Reference: **A2942203**

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

That the Committee considers the applications to the Creative Communities Scheme and allocates funding to the recipients accordingly.

Applications opened on 4 August 2025 and closed on 24 August 2025. There is \$21,441.00 available for this round of the Creative Communities Scheme. A total of 15 valid applications were received requesting a total of \$54,880.16.

Thirteen 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. Recommendation/s - *Tohutohu akiaki*

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the report 'Creative Communities Scheme – September 2025'; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the applications to the Creative Communities Scheme – September 2025; and
3. THAT the Community Funding Committee **considers** the applications to the Creative Communities Scheme – September 2025 and allocates the funding to recipients accordingly.

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

The Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) was created and is funded by Creative New Zealand (Creative New Zealand is the trading name of the Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa). City and District Councils across NZ are allocated funding from Creative NZ to distribute amongst projects focused in the area they serve.

The scheme provides funding to local arts projects, events, and activities to encourage engagement in the arts at a local level. Artforms that are eligible for CCS funding include craft, dance, literature, Māori Arts, film, music, Pacific Arts, theatre and visual arts. This includes projects which engage with multiple artforms. The scheme supports an estimated 2000 projects each year.



## 6.1 Creative Communities Scheme – September 2025(Cont.)

### 4. Discussion – Kōrerorero

The intended outcome of the recommendations in the report is to allow the Community Funding Committee to review, assess, and award funding to the applicants for this round of the Creative Communities Scheme.

All applications are assessed in line with criteria provided by Creative NZ. Creative NZ allows applications to the scheme to come from individuals and groups.

To be eligible for funding, an application must align with and support one of the following criteria:

- **Access and Participation** - the project will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in the arts.
- **Diversity** - the project will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.
- **Young People** - the project will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

Criteria provided by Creative NZ also exclude a range of activities from receiving CCS funding. The key exclusions are:

- CCS funding is unable to be awarded for projects that mainly deliver outcomes outside of the local arts sector; This includes sectors like health, wellbeing, fitness, environmental initiatives, and commercial ventures
- CCS funding is unable to be awarded for ongoing administration costs, the development of permanent facilities, or fundraising events
- CCS funding is unable to be awarded to projects within the scope of other sectors; for example, school arts projects which are normally funded by that educational institution.

### 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 Creative Communities Scheme Fund has been managed by Whakatāne District Council on behalf of Creative NZ for many years and is a well-established part of Council's funding portfolio.

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.

## 6.1 Creative Communities Scheme – September 2025(Cont.)

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

The Creative Communities Scheme was advertised externally through various media outlets including the local newspaper, community newsletters, social media and emails to more than 600 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.

### 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 Creative Communities Scheme Fund is supplied by Creative NZ and managed by Whakatāne District Council on their behalf. There are no outstanding budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

There is an administrative cost to Council, in the form of staff time from members of the Governance, Communications, Finance, and Community Partnerships teams.

### 7.4. Climate Change Assessment

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

### 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.

Provided below is a summary of the applications:

Reference Number	Applicant	Project Title	Amount Requested
CCSXXV05	G Taylor	Opera under the Rakau	\$2,820.00
CCSXXV06	Te Roopu Toi o Pukeko	Te Roopu Toi o Pukeko	\$4,800.00
CCSXXV07	R Hughes	'Follow the River' - Painting exhibition	\$5,000.00

**6.1 Creative Communities Scheme – September 2025(Cont.)**

<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
CCSXXV09	M Pearson	The ends of the straight	\$3,100.00
CCSXXV10	Whakatane Kerala Community Inc	Whakatane Kerala Community Inc Dance & Drama	\$5,000.00
CCSXXV11	Whakatane Seventh Day Adventist School	Our Whakapapa/Pepeha on the wall	\$3,059.23
CCSXXV13	The Edgecumbe Choir	2026 Edgecumbe Choir Season	\$3,150.00
CCSXXV14	Eastern Bay Media Trust	Launching a community-led radio station to promote diverse voices in the Eastern Bay of Plenty	\$5,000.00
CCSXXV15	Whakatāne District Community Arts Council Incorporated	Art in the Park 2025 Community Event	\$2,700.00
CCSXXV16	Whakatāne District Community Arts Council Incorporated	Jazz in the Park 2026	\$4,500.00
CCSXXV17	Whakatāne District Community Arts Council Incorporated	Dance Carnival 2026	\$1,654.35
CCSXXV18	Whakatāne District Community Arts Council Incorporated	Showcasing Rangatahi Talent - A summer stage for youth to shine	\$4,000.00
CCSXXV19	Raroa Marae Trust	100th Anniversary Tanemoeahi Whare Tipuna	\$2,700.00
CCSXXV20	Whakatane Citizens Band Inc T/A Eastern Bay of Plenty Brass	Across Aotearoa Concert	\$4,390.00
CCSXXV21	A Potaka	Press On For Printmaking	\$3,006.58
<b>Total Amount Requested:</b>			<b>\$54,880.16</b>

## 6.2 Community Matching Fund – September 2025

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To: **Community Funding Committee**

Date: **Thursday, 11 September 2025**

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

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

Reference: **A2942237**

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

That the Committee considers the applications received to the Community Matching Fund and allocates funding to the recipients accordingly.

Applications opened on 4 August 2024 and closed 24 August 2025. There is \$52,582.00 available for this round of the Community Matching Fund. A total of 27 valid applications were received, requesting a total of \$94,836.21.

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

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

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

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

The first round of the Community Matching Fund was held in March 2025. It replaces the formerly held Annual Grants funding and is designed to support organisations operating in the Whakatāne District that are working for the benefit of our communities.

The Community Matching Fund gives organisations the opportunity to apply for the monetary value of donations and contributions received from the wider community, and if successful, the Council will match these contributions with a grant.

The main types of contributions are volunteer labour, donated professional services, donated equipment and materials, and direct monetary donations to the applicant organisation. Organisations are also able to apply using other donations and contributions not listed here.

The Council has been able to acknowledge the support that has been provided, from the wider community to local organisations, using the Community Matching Fund.

**6.2 Community Matching Fund – September 2025(Cont.)****4. Discussion – Kōrerorero**

The intended outcome of the recommendations in the report is to allow the Community Funding Committee to review, assess, and award funding to the applicants for this round of the Community Matching Fund.

Applicants are required to provide evidence of donations and contributions to be “matched” by a grant from the Council and also demonstrate that these align the Council’s Community Grants and Funding Policy.

According to the Council’s Community Grants and Funding Policy, the Council is unable to fund:

- Projects and activities that do not directly benefit the Whakatāne District’s residents and communities
- Salaries for the staff of non-profit organisations
- Applications more suited to funding by other funding organisations
- Funding for projects that have already taken place
- Legal or medical expenses, debt repayment, statutory functions and public services
- Purchase or promotion of alcohol and tobacco
- Physical works that do not have permits prior to application.

Council is also usually unable to fund commercial or private organisations, activities that promote religious or political purposes, and programmes that duplicate existing initiatives.

Applicants to the Community Matching Fund provide information on how funding (if awarded) will be used, to ensure alignment with the Community Grants and Funding Policy.

**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 Community Matching Fund replaces the previous Annual Grant Funding. 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 were 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 600 Council contacts and networks.

**6.2 Community Matching Fund – September 2025(Cont.)**

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*****7.1. Strategic Alignment**

No inconsistencies with any of the 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 2024-34 Long Term Plan. There are no outstanding budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

There is an administrative cost to Council, in the form of staff time from members of the Governance, Communications, Finance, and Community Partnerships teams.

**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.

**6.2 Community Matching Fund – September 2025(Cont.)****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 is a summary of application:

<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
CMFXXV01	Hapori ora	\$2,647.00
CMFXXV02	Film Bay of Plenty	\$4,225.00
CMFXXV03	The Girl Guides Association New Zealand Incorporated	\$458.89
CMFXXV04	The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	\$4,000.00
CMFXXV06	Eastern Bay of Plenty Gymnastics Club	\$3,800.00
CMFXXV07	The Boys Brigade in NZ Inc	\$5,000.00
CMFXXV08	People First New Zealand Inc. - Ngā Tāngata Tuatahi	\$3,000.00
CMFXXV10	Tarawera Outrigger Canoe Club	\$650.00
CMFXXV11	Whakatane Surf Lifesaving Club Incorporated	\$5,000.00
CMFXXV12	Whakatāne Citizens Band Inc T/A Eastern Bay of Plenty Brass	\$4,516.06
CMFXXV17	Disabilities Resource Centre Trust	\$1,585.50
CMFXXV18	Whakatāne Kiwi Trust	\$4,972.00
CMFXXV20	Whakatāne Accessible and Inclusive	\$2,000.00
CMFXXV21	Stage Door Productions Charitable Trust	\$3,178.60
CMFXXV22	Whakatane High School	\$5,000.00
CMFXXV23	Whakatāne District Community Arts Council Incorporated	\$2,147.19
CMFXXV24	Manawahe Eco Trust	\$4,884.82
CMFXXV25	Rangimarie Marae Incorporated	\$5,000.00
CMFXXV26	Whakatane Community Patrol	\$2,071.15
CMFXXV29	Eastern Bay Villages	\$4,400.00
CMFXXV30	The Events Network Trust (also known as TENT and Eastern Bay of Plenty Community Network)	\$5,000.00

**6.2 Community Matching Fund – September 2025(Cont.)**

<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
CMFXXV32	Tautiaki Basketball Club (via The Gift Collective)	\$5,000.00
CMFXXV33	Hahuru Marae Trustees	\$5,000.00
CMFXXV34	The Whakatane Croquet Club Inc	\$2,000.00
CMFXXV35	The Clothing Project	\$2,000.00
CMFXXV36	LIONS CLUB OF OHOPE BEACH	\$2,300.00
CMFXXV37	Whakatane Rowing club	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Amount Requested:</b>		<b>\$94,836.21</b>



**6.3 2024 - 2026 Community Lease Rebates Fund - September 2025 Review**

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To: **Community Funding Committee**  
Date: **Thursday, 11 September 2025**  
Author: **E Parsons Rossiter / Community Funding Advisor**  
Authoriser: **E Hatch / GM People and Partnerships**  
Reference: **A2957058**

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

The purpose of this report is for the Community Funding Committee to review and approve the second year of the 2024 -2026 Community Lease Rebates Fund (funding scheduled for November 2025), and award funding to the recipients accordingly.

A summary of scheduled funding and recommended amounts of funding for 2025 is appended to the report.

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

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the report '2024 - 2026 Community Lease Rebates Fund September 2025 Review; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee **reviews** the 2024 – 2026 Community Lease Rebates Fund; and
3. THAT the Community Funding Committee **considers** the scheduled funding to the Community Lease Rebates Fund recipients, and the recommendations from staff, and allocates the funding to recipients in-principle.
4. THAT the Community Funding Committee **delegates authority** to the Community Partnerships Team to distribute in-principle funding subject to recipient organisations having a current Lease Agreement, and meeting all other Funding Policy requirements.
5. THAT the Community Funding Committee **delegates authority** to the Community Partnerships Team to distribute unawarded and remaining Lease Rebates Funding, for the 2025-26 financial year.

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

In November 2024 the Community Funding Committee approved the triennial Community Lease Rebates Fund. The purpose of the Community Lease Rebates Fund is to provide financial support to community groups and non-profits that lease facilities from Whakatāne District Council and provide services that benefit the Whakatāne District.

Priority is given to groups within the district that have a high volunteer base, and activities that provide wide community benefit for the residents of the district.

**6.3 2024 - 2026 Community Lease Rebates Fund - September 2025 Review(Cont.)**

Organisations that lease facilities from the Council can apply to the Community Lease Rebates Fund and, if successful, will usually receive the amount allocated by the Community Funding Committee annually, for three years.

The Community Funding Committee is scheduled to approve the second year of Community Lease Rebates funding, including incorporating any required changes.

The Community Funding Committee assessed 18 applications to the Community Lease Rebates Fund in November 2024 and awarded Lease Rebates funding to 16 organisations.

Applications were assessed in accordance with a range of factors, including Council's community Grants and Funding Policy, the guidelines for the Community Lease Rebates, the merit of applicants' projects and programmes, and the impact funding would have in the Whakatāne District.

Community Lease Rebates funding arrangements are a well-established part of the Councils' funding portfolio. The next application period for the Community Lease Rebates Fund is scheduled to occur in 2027.

**4. Discussion – Kōrerorero**

There are two intended outcomes of this report:

- To award funding to the recipients determined in 2024, with any necessary changes as appropriate.
- To ensure that there is the appropriate authority in place to allow remaining Lease Rebates funding to be distributed for the 2025-26 year.

In 2024, \$69,990.00 excluding GST was allocated by the Community Funding Committee for Lease Rebates. For the 2025-26 financial year there is \$79,350.00 available, including GST where appropriate, to be distributed for Lease Rebates funding.

As this funding is expressly for the purpose of the Community Lease Rebates Programme, the Community Funding Advisor, Council's Strategic Property Team, Councils Properties and Facilities Assets team, and the Community Partnerships Manager have reviewed the programme and make the following two recommendations for the 2025-26 year:

1. Award scheduled funding to the 16 Lease Rebate recipients determined in 2024, on an in-principle basis, and then delegate authority to the Community Partnerships Team to distribute funding, contingent on recipient organisations having a current Lease Agreement and meeting all other Funding Policy requirements.
2. Delegate authority to the Community Partnerships Team to award remaining and unallocated Lease Rebates Funding during the 2025-26 financial year, where appropriate, as remaining leases are finalised.

New leases have not been finalised for several of the of organisations who were recipients of Lease Rebate Funding in 2024. In some cases, there are expected rent increases pending.

Staff are seeking delegation to apply the relevant Lease Rebates for these remaining tenants as necessary and within the remaining budget for the 2025-26 financial year.

**6.3 2024 - 2026 Community Lease Rebates Fund - September 2025 Review(Cont.)**

**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**

Lease Rebates are a well-established part of the Councils' funding portfolio.

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

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

**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.

**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 Lease Rebates Fund was confirmed through the 2024 -34 Long Term Plan. There are no outstanding budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

There is an administrative cost to Council in the form of staff time, largely from the Governance, Community Partnerships, and Finance teams.

**7.4. Climate Change Assessment**

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

**7.5. Risks**

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

**6.3 2024 - 2026 Community Lease Rebates Fund - September 2025 Review(Cont.)****8. Next Steps – E whai ake nei**

Once the review of the Lease Rebates Fund programme has been completed, funding recipients will be informed and funding will be distributed accordingly.

**Below is a summary of Community Lease Rebates Funding for 2025-26 Financial Year:**

<b>Summary of Scheduled Funding:</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>GST registration</b>	<b><i>Amount allocated by committee in 2024 excluding GST</i></b>	<b>Amount scheduled to be awarded by committee in 2025, including GST where appropriate</b>
Edgecumbe Playcentre	No	<i>\$1,800.00</i>	\$2,070.00
Whakatane Athletic and Harrier Club Inc.	Yes	<i>\$908.00</i>	\$908.00
Eastern Bay of Plenty Kart Club	Yes	<i>\$450.00</i>	\$450.00
Port Ohope Yacht Club	No	<i>\$440.00</i>	\$506.00
Whakatane Town Branch Pony Club	No	<i>\$3,645.00</i>	\$4,191.75
Eastern Bay of Plenty Dog Obedience Club	No	<i>\$400.00</i>	\$460.00
Whakatāne Weight Training Club	No	<i>\$6,932.35</i>	\$7,972.20
Citizens Advice Bureau Whakatane Inc.	No	<i>\$16,500.00</i>	\$18,975.00
Lions Club of Ohope Beach	No	<i>\$4,000.00</i>	\$4,600.00
Halo Whakatāne	Yes	<i>\$6,500.00</i>	\$6,500.00
Edgecumbe Sports Club Inc	Yes	<i>\$695.65</i>	\$695.65
Port Ohope Playcentre	Yes	<i>\$4,380.00</i>	\$4,380.00
Awakeri Sports & Community Club Inc	Yes	<i>\$848.00</i>	\$848.00
Whakatane Amateur Swimming Club	Yes	<i>\$2,500.00</i>	\$2,500.00
Whakatane Squash Rackets Club Incorporated	Yes	<i>\$10,000.00</i>	\$10,000.00

**6.3 2024 - 2026 Community Lease Rebates Fund - September 2025 Review(Cont.)**

Summary of Scheduled Funding:			
EBAT charitable trust t/a Pou Whakaaro	Yes	<i>\$10,000.00</i>	\$10,000.00

**6.4 2024 - 2026 Multi – Year Fund September 2025 Review****6.4 2024 - 2026 Multi – Year Fund September 2025 Review**To: **Community Funding Committee**Date: **Thursday 11 September 2025**Author: **E Parsons Rossiter / Community Funding Advisor**Authoriser: **E Hatch / GM People and Partnerships**Reference: **A2939022****1. Reason for the report - *Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata***

The purpose of this report is for the Community Funding Committee to review and approve the second year of the 2024 - 2026 Multi-Year Fund (funding scheduled for November 2025 – November 2026), and award funding to the recipients accordingly.

A total of \$50,000 is proposed to be awarded to 16 organisations for 2025, with no changes from the original Community Funding Committee allocation.

A summary of scheduled funding is appended to the report.

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

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the report '2024 -2026 Multi – Year Fund: 2025 Review'; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee **reviews** the 2024 – 2026 Multi-Year Fund; and
3. THAT the Community Funding Committee **considers** the scheduled funding to Multi-Year Fund recipients for 2025 and **allocates** the funding to recipients accordingly.

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

In November 2024 Council approved the triennial Multi-Year Fund. The purpose of the Multi-Year Fund is to provide a longer-term, more stable source of funding to community groups and non-profits benefiting the Whakatāne District.

Priority is given to groups within the district that have a high volunteer base and activities that provide wide community benefit for the residents of the district.

Organisations that work in the Whakatāne District can apply to the Multi-Year Fund and, if successful, will receive the amount allocated by the Community Funding Committee annually, for three years. The Community Funding Committee is scheduled to review the Multi-Year Fund in the second and third year of the fund's operation, to approve continued funding and any required changes.

The expectation is that most organisations funded through this current round will not require consecutive Multi-Year funding at the completion of the initial three-year term, apart from where there are exceptional circumstances.

**6.4 2024 - 2026 Multi – Year Fund September 2025 Review(Cont.)**

The Community Funding Committee assessed 31 applications to the Multi-Year Fund in November 2024 and a combined \$50,000 per annum was awarded to 16 organisations for 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Multi-Year Funding arrangements are a well-established part of the Councils' funding portfolio. The next application period for the Multi-Year Fund is scheduled to occur in 2027.

**4. Discussion – Kōrerorero**

The intended outcome of this report is to award funding to the recipients that were determined in 2024. There are no required changes to funding recipients or amounts allocated.

In 2024 Multi-Year funding recipients were assessed in accordance with a range of factors, including the guidelines for the Multi-Year Fund, the merit of applicants' projects and programmes, and the impact funding would have in the Whakatāne District. Applications were also assessed according to the requirements set out in the Council's Community Grants and Funding Policy.

All applicants are required to abide by the Council's Community Grants and Funding Policy as part of continuing to receive Multi-Year funding.

**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**

Multi- Year Funding arrangements are a well-established part of the Councils' funding portfolio.

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

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

**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.

**6.4 2024 - 2026 Multi – Year Fund September 2025 Review(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 the Multi-Year Fund was confirmed through the 2024 -34 Long Term Plan. There are no outstanding budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

There is an administrative cost to Council in the form of staff time, largely from the Governance, Community Partnerships, and Finance teams.

**7.4. Climate Change Assessment**

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

**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 the review of the Multi-Year Fund programme has been completed, funding recipients will be informed, and funding will be distributed accordingly.

Below is a summary of the scheduled amounts.

<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Organisations</b>	<b>2024 allocation</b>	<b>2025 allocation</b>
MYG001	People First New Zealand	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
MYG003	NZ Council of Victim Support Groups	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
MYG005	Citizens Advice Bureau Whakatāne	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
MYG007	Life Education Trust EBOP	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
MYG008	Liberty Trust	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
MYG009	Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
MYG010	The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - Whakatane Centre	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
MYG011	Whakatane Kiwi Trust	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
MYG012	Eastern Bay of Plenty Riding for the Disabled	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00
MYG014	Alzheimers Society Eastern Bay of Plenty Incorporated	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
MYG018	Whakatane District Neighbourhood Support	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00



**6.4 2024 - 2026 Multi – Year Fund September 2025 Review(Cont.)**

<b>Reference Number</b>	<b>Organisations</b>	<b>2024 allocation</b>	<b>2025 allocation</b>
MYG022	HALO Whakatane Incorporated	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
MYG023	Eastern Bay Accessible Transport Charitable Trust - Trading as Waka Eastern Bay	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
MYG025	Matata Residents Association	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
MYG027	The Clothing Project	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
MYG029	Whakatane Citizens Band Inc Playing as Eastern Bay of Plenty Brass Band	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>

**6.5 Whakatāne Community Climate Action and Youth Development Fund – September 2025****6.5 Whakatāne Community Climate Action and Youth Development Fund – September 2025**To: **Community Funding Committee**Date: **Thursday, 11 September 2025**Author: **G Mischefski-Gray / Strategic Policy Analyst**Authoriser: **L Woolsey / GM Strategy and Growth**Reference: **A2957355****1. Reason for the report - *Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata***

The purpose of this report is for the Committee to approve the recommended successful fund applications, for the first round of the 2025 Community Climate Action Fund. The recommendations were made by the Climate Action Fund Advisory Panel. The fund is a joint initiative between Whakatāne District Council and Trust Horizon.

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

1. THAT the Community Funding Committee **receives** the report 'Whakatāne Community Climate Action and Youth Development Fund - September 2025'; and
2. THAT the Community Funding Committee **approves** the recommendations from the Whakatāne Community Climate Action Advisory Fund Panel on the applications to Whakatāne Community Climate Action and Youth Development Fund - September 2025.

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

The Whakatāne Community Climate Action and Youth Development fund is 50% funded by Trust Horizon and 50% funded by Whakatāne District Council (\$50,000 each). Delivering the fund is a key action of Our Climate Pathway and aims to increase community climate action.

The fund was identified as a key action in Our Climate Pathway, specifically under the "District Wide Targets." The Pathway frames these targets as goals for the community to collectively work toward to achieve climate objectives. The "key actions" column highlights priority initiatives for coordinated community efforts, including the "development of a targeted community fund in partnership with funders like Trust Horizon and Bay Trust to support community-led climate action."

This fund is a partnership with Trust Horizon, where the Trustees approved matching the Whakatāne District Council's funding in March 2025.

**4. Discussion – *Kōrerorero***

This is the first round of the Fund, with applications open from 1 July to 15 August 2025. The Advisory Panel is made up of:

**6.5 Whakatāne Community Climate Action and Youth Development Fund – September 2025(Cont.)**

- Six community members,
- A Trust Horizon representative,
- The three Councillors who make up the Council Community Funding Committee.

All applications were assessed by the Advisory Panel on the merit of the project and its impact on climate action, as well as against the requirements set out in Council's Community Grants and Funding Policy.

The fund does not have set allocation amounts for each round. A total of \$100,000.00 is available for the year, to be distributed across four proposed funding rounds. In this round one, six valid applications were received, requesting a total of \$73,250.60.

The fund's successful projects must directly address climate change decarbonisation/mitigation or adaptation, such as:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Advancing a net-zero carbon economy; or
- Enhancing community resilience to climate impacts.

The panel recommends these three applicants be awarded. The two in-principle funded are contingent on more information being provided. These applications are to be approved once they have met those conditions:

Application Number	Applicant	Amount Recommended	Notes
CCFS02	Iramoko Marae	\$6,000	In-principle funded.
CCFS04	Fresh Perceptions	\$4,370	In-principle funded.
CCFS06	Manawahe Eco Trust	\$10,000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$20,370</b>	

## 5. Options Analysis - *Ngā Kōwhiringa*

### 5.0.1. *Option one: Approve the Advisory Panel's recommendations*

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributes to meaningful climate action within the Whakatāne District.</li> <li>• Reinforces the intended purpose and vision of the fund.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No disadvantages have been identified.</li> </ul>

**6.5 Whakatāne Community Climate Action and Youth Development Fund – September 2025(Cont.)**

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledges and values the time and effort invested by expertise in the community, applicants, and staff.</li> <li>Enables the outcomes to be communicated to the community, potentially generating enthusiasm for future applications</li> </ul>	

**5.0.2. Option Two: Do not approve the Advisory Panel's recommendations**

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No advantages have been identified.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The significant time and effort invested in the process would be undermined.</li> <li>Creates a risk of misalignment and tension with joint funders.</li> <li>May weaken external support for impactful climate action in the Whakatāne District.</li> <li>Potential reputational risk for Council and partners.</li> <li>Would create uncertainty about next steps and the future direction of the fund.</li> </ul>

**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 Fund was approved as part of the LTP process.

Engagement on this matter is not being undertaken in accordance with Section 6.0 of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. This states that the 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.
- The matter has already been addressed by the Council's policies or plans, which have previously been consulted on.

**6.5 Whakatāne Community Climate Action and Youth Development Fund – September 2025(Cont.)**

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

**7.1. Strategic Alignment**

The Fund is an action within our climate strategy, Our Climate Pathway. No inconsistencies with any of the 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 for this Fund is approved in the Long-Term Plan. There are no further budget considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

**7.4. Climate Change Assessment**

There are notable positive impacts associated with the matters of this report. This fund relates directly to enabling Climate Action.

**7.5. Risks**

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