

OIR: 2526/388

18 May 2026

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

**Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)**

Thank you for your email of **1 May 2026** requesting the following information:

***I understand that the Council subsidises the disposal of children's car seats at the waste depot, and I am seeking broader information on all subsidies provided by the Council.***

***Please provide detailed information on all subsidies paid by Kapiti Coast District Council to any individual, organisation, or entity for the past five completed financial years, as well as any subsidies allocated or paid in the current financial year to date.***

***For each subsidy, please include:***

- ***The name of the recipient***
- ***The total amount paid per financial year***
- ***The duration of the subsidy (including start date and, if applicable, end date)***
- ***The budget, fund, or account from which the subsidy is allocated***
- ***The criteria, policy, or decision-making framework under which the subsidy is granted***

The Council, as an entity, effectively subsidises the provision of all community facilities that operate within the district, such as the Pools, Libraries, Halls and Parks. The full cost to build, maintain and operate such facilities is not directly passed on to the users, as the admission fees do not reflect the true expense that is actually incurred by ratepayer. This is the trade off in offering community facilities to the public, if the true cost was reflected in the admission fees, then this would exclude a large portion of the community from accessing them.

***Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.***

The Council also subsidises the supply of other public goods through subsidised community programmes as noted in your question above, and through the provision of grants to community organisations.

It is not possible to identify every individual who has benefitted from all of the services Council subsidises for the community as part of its obligations as a local authority. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found. Where we do hold that information, your request is refused under section 17(f) of the Act as the information request cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Consideration has been given to whether your request could be further refined. However, in this particular situation we do not consider this would be possible. I have also considered whether we would be able to respond to this part of your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Council's ability to undertake its day-to-day work would be significantly impacted.

Where specific grants have been made to individuals or organisations, this information is publicly available on our website by accessing the minutes of community board meetings and grants committee meetings. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 17(d) of the Act as the information requested is, or will soon be, publicly available.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



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