

Chairperson and Members
TE WHAKAMINENGA O KĀPITI

30 APRIL 2019

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

MĀORI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2019

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report outlines how the investment of \$65,000 will be allocated within the Māori Economic Development Grants Fund.

DELEGATION

- 2 Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti may consider this matter under the Memorandum of Partnership, Clause 21 sub clause iv) *identifies the following principle: that Council will have particular regard to the rights of tāngata whenua in the management and development of resources by recognising and providing for rangatiratanga.*

BACKGROUND

- 3 In 2011, Council commenced work on an economic development strategy for the District. Early in this process, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti signalled a clear desire to establish an iwi focused economic development strategy. This strategy would ensure that their unique features as tāngata whenua and concepts for economic wellbeing are entrenched in the approach for Māori economic wellbeing.
- 4 In 2013, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti launched *A strategy for Māori Economic Development and Well-Being in Kāpiti 2013*. Implementation of the strategy is by way of an annual grants funding process. 2018/19 marks the 7th year of implementation. In this financial period, there is a total of \$65,000 available.
- 5 The strategy prioritised the development and maintenance of activity that will complement the well-being of tāngata whenua and mātāwaka (Māori from other areas) of the district.
- 6 The strategy aims to build and leverage the collective resources, knowledge, skills, leadership and capability that will better position Māori to maximise their potential. The strategy is specifically focused on laying the foundation for the future and is based around three themes:
 - Manaakitanga – leveraging the potential of rangatahi and building whānau capacity.
 - Kaitiakitanga – Whatungarongaro te tangata toi tu te whenua – working with the whenua.
 - Kotahitanga – supporting whānau to achieve economic wellbeing – capacity, collaboration, innovation and Māori Business.

- 7 The implementation of the strategy is managed by the Māori Economic Development Panel (the Panel). This panel is appointed by Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti to assign funding through the grants process. The process for awarding the fund include:
- confirmation of the membership to the Māori Economic Development Review Panel;
 - process for allocating grants and timeframes;
 - mandate for grant allocation; and
 - report to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti before the end of the 2018/19 financial year detailing the distribution of funds for this grant period.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Grants process

Confirming the membership of the Māori Economic Development Review Panel

- 8 At the beginning of a triennium, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti nominates members to the Māori Economic Development Review Panel that includes representatives from the following:
- Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti representation – one member from each iwi
 - Elected member – one member
 - An expert in Economic Development
- 9 The members appointed to the Panel for the 2016-2019 triennium were:
- Rupene Waaka – Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki
 - Russell Spratt – Te Ati Awa and economic development expert
 - Leana Barriball – Ngāti Toa Rangatira
 - Councillor James Cootes – Elected Member.
- 10 In the 2016/17 financial year, a funding round was conducted and grants were awarded.
- 11 In late 2017, both Russell Spratt and Leana Barriball resigned their membership from the Panel and these representative roles remain vacant.
- 12 As the grant fund was re-purposed for the 2017/18 financial year to support the three iwi in hosting Te Matatini in the Wellington region, there was no requirement for a Māori Economic Development grants process to be conducted for that year, and therefore re-confirmation of membership of the Panel was not needed for this period.
- 13 Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti is now required to fill these vacancies to enable the grants process to be conducted appropriately.
- 14 Rupene Waaka and Councillor James Cootes remain as appointed members of the Panel.

Nominations for new panel members

- 15 Nominations are required to fill the following Panel vacancies:
- Te Ati Awa representative
 - Ngāti Toa Rangatira representative
 - an expert in Economic Development.
- 16 An opportunity is available to approach the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency for provision of an expert in economic development to join the Panel for this funding round.
- 17 Nominations are required by 7 May 2019 to allow arrangements to be made to convene the Panel for consideration of applications received in this funding round.
- 18 It is recommended that the Committee's decision to consider and approve the successful nominees, if nominees are unable to be confirmed at the 30 April 2019 Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti meeting, be delegated to the Chairperson of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti and Mayor for Kāpiti Coast District Council.

Process for allocating grants and timeframes

- 19 The grants process will be as follows:
- the amount of \$65,000 will be made available for a contestable grant process. Amounts awarded will be based on the strength of each application's alignment to the Māori Economic Development Strategy;
 - grants are available to a diverse range including: Māori individuals in the labour market to the self-employed running Māori businesses to tribal and pan-tribal Māori commercial entities. These entities must be operating within the boundaries of the Kāpiti Coast District Council's designated geographic boundary;
 - advertisements for the grant will be placed in the local newspaper and on the Council website.
- 20 There are two possible options for timeframes for the grant fund process. For the process to be completed and reported on to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti at its last scheduled meeting on 11 June 2019 for the 2018/19 financial year, the timetable would be:
- grants open 1 May 2019 and close on 17 May 2019 at 5pm;
 - the Panel will be convened by 24 May 2019 to review applications; and
 - a further report will be submitted to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti on 11 June 2019 advising the distribution of successful grants to applicants.
- 21 This option only allows for a two week application period which may impact on potential applicants becoming aware of the grant funding available and having adequate time to prepare their application.

22 If Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti wanted to allow more time for applicants and the Panel to consider applications yet still ensure grants are distributed and reported back to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti by the end of the 2018/19 financial year, a second option is for Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti's last meeting for the 2018/19 financial year to be rescheduled to 25 June 2019. The timeframes for this option are outlined below:

- grants open 1 May 2019 and close on 31 May 2019 at 5pm;
- the Panel will be convened by 7 June 2019 to review applications; and
- a further report will be submitted to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti on 25 June 2019 advising the distribution of successful grants to applicants.

Mandate for grant allocation process

23 The following process for grant allocation is:

- the Panel has the mandate to allocate the funds on behalf of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti;
- the Panel's decision is final;
- applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application with a letter indicating whether they were 'successful' or 'unsuccessful'. Successful applicants will be made aware that an accountability report is required and should be completed and submitted to Council by 31 March 2020.

Report back

24 As noted previously, the distribution of the Māori Economic Development fund will be reported back to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti before the end of the 2018/19 financial year.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial considerations

25 The funding for the Māori Economic Development grants will be funded from existing budgets.

Tāngata whenua considerations

26 Consultation will continue through the Māori Economic Development Panel and Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti.

Publicity

27 Follow up publicity is planned through Council's communication processes detailing the successful applicants.

RECOMMENDATIONS

28 That Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti:

28.1 **note** the process for allocating funds through the Māori Economic Development Grants Fund as set out in report PP-19-776.

28.2 **nominate** new members to the Māori Economic Development Review Panel to represent:

- Ngāti Toa Rangatira
- Te Ati Awa; and
- an expert in Economic Development.

28.3 **note** that if nominations cannot be confirmed at the 30 April 2019 Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti meeting, they are required by 7 May 2019 to enable arrangements to be made for the Panel to meet and consider applications received in this funding round.

28.4 **agree** that if nominations cannot be confirmed at the 30 April 2019 Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti meeting, delegated authority to consider and approve nominees to the Māori Economic Development Review Panel be given to the Chairperson of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti and the Mayor for Kāpiti Coast District Council.

28.5 **decide** on one of the timeframe options for the Māori Economic Development Grants Fund to be:

Either:

Option one – the grant fund is opened from 1 May to 17 May 2019 and a report submitted to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti on 11 June 2019 advising the distribution of successful grants to applicants.

Or:

Option two – the grant fund is opened from 1 May to 31 May 2019 and a report submitted to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti on 25 June 2019 advising the distribution of successful grants to applicants. **(Recommended)**

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