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14 September 2022

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

Thank you for your email of 1 September 2022 requesting the following information:

***Any funds council spends on facilities must be carefully considered and we need full information to make any decisions.***

***To provide clarity and a level of transparency around councils past, current and proposed support for the Mahara Gallery and its upgrade in the LTP.***

- 1. Can I please request a full statement of both open and capex funding given to the gallery trust for the past eight years, or so from the beginning of the facility 'upgrade' project.***

Operating Grants to the Mahara Gallery Trust since 2009/10 were as follows:

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Financial Year	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals
Grants	125,000	126,000	132,446	163,272	163,214	166,967

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Financial Year	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals
Grants	181,635	184,328	203,932	206,855	211,754	211,867	218,647

In regard to the Mahara Gallery upgrade, the Council is investing up to \$2.8 million to the projects \$6.5 million estimated cost, following the Mahara Gallery Trust's success in securing government funding from the Regional Culture and Heritage Fund, as well as other donations.

- 2. Can I also please ask if it is intended that ongoing funding for the operational costs for Mahara Gallery, managed by the Mahara Gallery trust, is to be provided and funded by ratepayers through KCDC and to what amounts are approved through the LTP and any extra requests.**

The LTP budgets for operating grants to the Mahara Gallery Trust were as follows:

	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>LTP</b>	<b>LTP</b>	<b>LTP</b>
<b>Grants</b>	218,647	223,239	339,591

Funding for ongoing operating costs of the Gallery is yet to be determined. The Trust will be requested to identify alternative future funding sources.

Ngā mihi



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