

25 JUNE 2019

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Information

MAORI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report provides the Committee an overview of the distribution of the Māori Economic Development Fund (the 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 On 30 April 2019, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti agreed that an investment of \$65,000 would be allocated within the fund for the 2018/19 year.
- 4 The Committee also agreed to:
 - nominate new members to the Māori Economic Development Review Panel to replace members who resigned from the Panel in 2017;
 - open the fund from 1 May to 31 May 2019 to allow potential applicants to become aware of the fund and time to prepare and submit an application by the close off date; and
 - allow Council time to complete the grants process and report to Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti on 25 June 2019 advising the distribution of grants to successful applicants.
- 5 On 30 April 2019, the Committee was advised that a total grant pool of \$65,000 was available. As very little was spent on fund administration costs related to implementing the fund on behalf of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti including time and expertise provided by Panel members, the grant pool amount was increased to \$68,000.
- 6 The amount of \$68,000 is a contestable fund. Amounts awarded are based on the strength of each application's alignment to the Māori Economic Development Strategy.

- 7 Grants were available to a diverse range including kaupapa Māori entrepreneurial pursuits to whānau, hapū and iwi driven charitable projects and commercial entities. The applicants must be operating within the boundaries of the Kāpiti Coast District Council's designated geographic boundary.
- 8 The Fund opened on 1 May 2019 and closed on 31 May 2019 at 5pm.
- 9 The Panel initially met on 6 June 2019 to consider applications and reconvened on 14 June 2019 to make final decisions.
- 10 The Panel members who attended were:
 - Kirsten Hapeta – Nga Hapu o Ōtaki
 - Naomi Solomon – Ngāti Toarangatira
 - Councillor James Cootes – Council representative
 - David Perks (WREDA) – expert in Economic Development.
- 11 Apologies were received from Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust. Council representatives who attended to support the Panel were Janice McDougall, Group Manager People and Partnerships, Darryn Grant, Economic Development Manager and Samara Shaw, Executive Secretary. The Convenor for the Panel meeting was Janice McDougall.
- 12 The Panel reviewed applications and awarded the grants.
- 13 As confirmed on 30 April 2019, the Panel's decision is final.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Issues

- 14 The Panel met on 6 and 14 June 2019 to review a total of four applications. All four applicants were successful.
- 15 The successful applicants are included in Table One below:

Table One: Successful Applicants to the Māori Economic Development Grants

Applicant	Application and project purpose	Granted (Excl. GST)
Papara Contracting Ltd	Portaloo Business (Wharepaku) To expand an existing business to promote te reo Māori and create and market portalooos with te reo Māori signage on construction worksites.	\$16,740
Māoriland Charitable Trust	Toi Matarau Māori Art Gallery To enable the systems and development of a permanent physical and online Māori focused, high end retail Art gallery at the Māoriland Hub in Ōtaki.	\$15,000

Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust	E Tu Ngā Rangatahi To provide a unique 5 day experience for Year 10-13 Maori secondary school students and is an opportunity to introduce rangatahi to business and enterprise.	\$25,000
Otaki Mānukau Growers Ltd	Mānuka plants on Māori Freehold land The nursery production of Mānuka plants to set up a Mānuka plantation on Māori freehold land.	\$11,260
TOTAL		\$68,000

16 All applicants were advised of the outcome of their applications on 19 June 2019. Letters of agreement and payment of grant funds are currently being finalised and processed.

Financial considerations

17 There are no additional funds required for the implementation of this process.

Tāngata whenua considerations

18 Tāngata whenua have been fully involved in the decision-making process of the allocation of the grant funds.

Publicity

19 Publicity through the Council's communication processes will be implemented detailing the successful applicants.

RECOMMENDATION

20 That Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti receives this report PP-19-837.

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