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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 5746574

I refer to your information request we received on 15 August 2019 requesting the following (in **bold**):

1. How much funding has been allocated to the locality of Waikanae from the last triennium:

A total of \$6,915,989 capital funding was allocated to the locality of Waikanae (where identifiable) between Financial years 2016/17 and 2018/19. Please note that Council has a financial year of 1 July to 30 June while the council triennium runs from October for three years.

2. How much funding was carried over from the previous Council which had been allocated to Waikanae;

\$432,000 was identified as capital carry over from the 2015/16 financial year into the 2016/17 financial year. Please note that Council has a financial year starting 1 July while the current council was sworn into office from October 2016.

3. What was the funding spent on and its expenditure references for this Council and the previous one;

A total of \$7,066,757 capital funding was spent to the locality of Waikanae (where identifiable). A list of projects is shown overleaf.

Projects	Amount
CONNECTIONPARK AV/EXPRESSWAY	210,852
MAJOR CONNECTORS NGA MANU ROAD	577,249
NGAIO TO TOWN CENTRE	501,776
NGARARA ROAD - NGAIO/RUSSEL RES	136,514
PARK AVE CYCLE MARKINGS	23,431
PARK AVENUE/NGAIO RD (UCF2)	714,770
PHARAZYN RESERVE - DEVELOPMENT	80,554
REIKORANGI HALL PLANNED RENEWALS	3,779
TASMAN LAKES	20,119
W3A MAHARA LANE WAY	1,979,772
W4 WHAKARONGOTAI MARAE	994,786
WAIK WTP RENEWAL	154,834
WAIKANAE - BEACH HALL PLANNED RENEWALS	22,639
WAIKANAE - BUILDING RENEWALS	173,481
WAIKANAE - POOL TANKS	94,507
WAIKANAE - PUBLIC TOILET RENEWALS	7,240
WAIKANAE EMERGENCY RAIL ACCESS	453,841
WAIKANAE LIBRARY BUILDING UPGRADE	269,137
WAIKANAE MEMORIAL PARK	1,023
WAIKANAE NEW TOILETS CAPEX	1,350
WAIKANAE NORTH RESERVE	49,364
WAIKANAE PARK	5,837
WAIKANAE PARK	10,308
WAIKANAE PARK - REPLACE FENCE	8,066
WAIKANAE PARK CHANGING ROOM UPGRADE	5,025
WAIKANAE PARK TREES AND PLANTINGS	7,645
WAIKANAE PLANT RENEWALS	25,484
WAIKANAE RIVER TO TOWN CENTRE	266
WAIKANE STAGE 2 GROWTH ALLOCATIONS	513,898
WAIMANU LAGOON REPLACE FURNITURE	8,832
WAIMANU LAGOONS	10,376
Total	7,066,757

4. How much has the two Mahara upgrades cost over the last 6 years;

- \$653,099.25 excluding GST. This includes improved lighting, planting, seating and pedestrian access from the Greater Wellington Regional Council commuter car park, past the marae and through to Mahara Place. This also includes the Cultural thread paving design that visually connects the marae to Ruakohatu Urupā -Ropata and Parata Cemetery next to St Luke's Church on Elizabeth Street.
- \$1,060,980.83 excluding GST. For Mahara Place upgrade we created a plaza where you can come together, enjoy and relax. A terraced area in the sunniest, most sheltered part of the plaza, reading gardens, and formal and informal seating areas.

5. What is the recommendation for the closed Library and its future;

A long term recommendation on the future of the Waikanae Library has yet to be made. Work will commence shortly on exploring what options are available to the Council.

6. What is the <u>progress and outcome</u> for the revocation plan from the Waikanae Railway area over to the Waikanae township - where are we at;

a. The Revocation Construction Contract is currently with NZTA in procurement phase.

- b. Town Centres objectives and outcomes include:
 - transforming SH1 into a slower local road;
 - increase use of public transport and link public transport to the town centre;
 - improve public space amenity, fostering business.
 - Connect up the town centre by:
 - linking the marae and town and linking Ngaio Road to Mahara Place and the marae:
 - creating a visual entrance into Waikanae town centre and connect to Waikanae River;
 - creating a main street for Waikanae, lengthen the main street and improve safety.

7. How long is the lease for at its temporary premises in the ex Artel Gallery;

The lease for the ex Artel Gallery is three years with a right of renewal for a further two years.

8. What is the reason for the reduction with funding regarding Library Books;

Through the annual plan process for 2019/20 Council looked to reduce its overall capital expenditure. As part of that process, and given the impact of the Waikanae Library closure and relocation to a smaller facility, the collections budget was reduced from \$402,427 in the 2018/19 year to \$211,073 in the 2019/20 year. This is a temporary reduction for this financial year.

9. What action has KCDC taken regarding the 3 closed shops owned our Chinese lady (name unknown);

The Council has attempted to engage with the owner of these three shops as we sought a solution to the closure of the Waikanae Library. Working through the owner's agent the Council was unable to have meaningful dialogue with the owner and were not able to secure a mutually beneficial use of those vacant shops. The Council has since located another temporary but medium term solution to ensure continued delivery of library services in Waikanae. There has been no further action since.

10. What community help + assistance i.e. establishing a foodbank, housing, health support, and information.

For the purpose of this request 'health support' has been translated to mean:

- a health service that provides a medical service to Waikanae residents.
- a support service that promotes health and wellbeing for Waikanae residents.

In this triennium the Council has provided financial support for the following medical and health services that provide a service to Waikanae residents:

- Wellington Free Ambulance
- Life Flight Trust
- Kapiti Youth Support
- Kapiti Health Shuttle
- St John Health Shuttle (Peka Peka and Ōtaki)
- The Kapiti AED Trust (Defibrillators in Waikanae and Peka Peka)

In this triennium the Council has provided financial support for the following support services that provides a service to Waikanae residents:

- Kapiti Age Concern
- Birthright Kapiti
- Te Nikau Christian Counselling (resident's addictions programme)
- Epilepsy Association of NZ
- Victim Support
- Heart Kids
- Kapi mana multiples
- Kidz Need Dadz
- Kapiti Womens Centre
- StarJam
- Te Ara Korowai
- The Shed Project
- Lifeline Foundation (Suicide Crisis Helpline)
- Zeal Kapiti Youth Development Centre

Housing Assistance

The Council provides housing for older people. There are 118 Flats in the District with 3 located in Waikanae.

Community Information support

The Council has provided funding support for the Age Concern newsletters, service delivery and fit out funding to the Kapiti Citizen Advice Bureau. The Council partners with the Older Persons' Council to deliver the biennial Age on the Go Expo in Waikanae.

Assistance to establish a foodbank.

The Council has supported the Kāpiti foodbank, including funding support. The Kāpiti foodbank is available to Waikanae residents but is located in Paraparaumu. The Council has not supported the establishment of any new foodbanks in the district. We have supported initial connections with Kaibosh (food rescue) and supported many community gardens in the wider district with the view to increase food security.

Yours sincerely

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