

STAFF REPORT

TO: Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee

FROM: Mike Tasman-Jones

DATE: 14 November 2005

SUBJECT: Nelson Tasman Business Trust

REASON FOR THE REPORT

The Nelson Tasman Business Trust wrote on October 17 2005 to Tasman District Council Chief Executive Bob Dickenson re: financial support the Tasman District Council provides to the Trust.

The letter outlines the increasing role that the Trust has picked up as a result of the closure of the Motueka based Tasman Enterprise Employment Centre and the problems facing local industry. The Trust request a reconsideration of the funding allocation in light of the extra services the Trust has picked up.

BACKGROUND

NTBT is the sole agency for business mentoring New Zealand (formerly BITC) and company rebuilders – across Tasman, Nelson, Marlborough. The application was to support the provision of these programmes as well as support for the referral process for clients using both the Motueka Community House and travel to visit clients. NTBT are also monitoring the demand and the need for an 0800 number.

Total project cost \$40,652 request to TDC Grants from Rates was \$23,652 for the 2005 year.

NTBT and the TEEC received the following allocations from grants from rates

	NTBT	TEEC	TOTAL
2003	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
2004	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
2005	5,000.00	0	5,000.00

DISCUSSION

Grants from Rates applications are considered at the Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee, the allocations decisions are made at this meeting. An allocation of \$5,000 to NTBT was approved at the September meeting.

The Subcommittee did hold funds over which can be considered as a discretionary round in the 2005/2006 financial year.

In light of NTBT picking up the TEEC role and the current challenges for the regions businesses the mentoring services is worthy of support. The Subcommittee could consider an application using held over funds to allow the mentoring service to continue to be offered across the Tasman District. It does appear that in light of the increased service being offered that the allocation should be represented to the sub-committee.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee consider the application from the NTBT.
2. That an allocation to support the Tasman Businesses Mentoring Service, via Nelson Tasman Business Trust, of \$20,000 be considered for the 2005/2006 year.

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http://tdctoday:82/shared_documents/meetings/council/committees_and_subcommittees/grants_and_facility_rate_subcommittee/reports/2005/rcs051122_report_ntbt.doc