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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee
Meeting Date: 11 May 2011
Subject: Consideration of the April 2011 Applications to SPARC Rural Travel Fund and Community Development Fund
Report Author: Mike Tasman-Jones

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Community Development Fund is to enhance the identity, vitality and sustainability of the Tasman District's smaller communities. The funding can be used for planning, providing activities, running events or developing services to enhance communities. The fund has an annual allocation of approximately \$20,000.

SPARC Rural Travel Fund applications are open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams with young people aged between 5-19 years. Funding is to help with travel costs of participating in local sports competition.

The guide and application forms for the Community Grants closing 31 August need to be updated and printed. The only change to the current information is that the existing Community Consultation Funding is being added to the annual community grants process. This needs to be added to the guide and application form.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee receives the Consideration of the April 2011 Applications to SPARC Rural Travel Fund and Community Development Fund Report RCS11-05-10.

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1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

1.1 The Community Development Fund is to enhance the identity, vitality and sustainability of the Tasman District's smaller communities. The funding can be used for planning, providing activities, running events or developing services to enhance communities. The fund has an annual allocation of approximately \$20,000. The current round closed 30 April with 11 applications received requesting a total of \$28,283.50 from an available allocation of \$12,321.

2. SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND APPLICATIONS

2.1 SPARC Rural Travel Fund Applications are open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams with young people aged between 5-19 years. Funding is to help with travel costs of participating in local sports competition. The current round closed 30 April with 11 applications received requesting a total of \$48,027 from an available allocation of \$8,750.

3. COMMUNITY GRANTS GUIDE AND APPLICATION FORMS

- 3.1 The guide and application forms for the Community Grants closing 31 August need to be updated and printed. The only change to the current information is that the existing Community Consultation Funding is being added to the annual community grants process. This needs to be added to the guide and application form.
- 3.2 The Community Consultation Fund has an annual allocation of \$25,000 and has previously being administered by Corporate Services staff with decisions made at the Communications Subcommittee. The Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee will consider these applications from 2011/2012 as part of the annual Community Grants. The Guide and application form and website information will be updated to include this category as part of the Community Newsletter allocation.

The proposed new wording in the application form:

“Community Newsletters \$3,000

Tasman District Council recognises the importance of community newsletters and to inform and promote local initiatives, events and news.

Funds are available for purpose of providing funding assistance to ratepayer and community associations to assist consultation within their respective communities and for general community newsletters. This does not include specific club newsletters.

Applicants should supply the following information:

- *How often the newsletter is produced.*
- *Numbers produced and distributed.*
- *Areas of distribution.*
- *Production costs.*

The criteria against which applications will be considered are:

- *Organisations must be formally constituted as an incorporated society.*
- *The office bearers of organisations must be publicly elected through a process approved by Council and they must hold regular (at least quarterly) publicly advertised meetings in the ward.*
- *They must have Council related matters as their primary function.*
- *They must carry out liaison and advocacy with Council.*

Average allocations are less than \$1,500”

5. RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

6. DRAFT RESOLUTION

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