

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chair and Members Engineering Services  
**FROM:** Utilities Asset Engineer, David Stephenson  
**REFERENCE:** R395  
**DATE:** 30 May 2006  
**SUBJECT:** **ZERO WASTE FUNDING ROUND – APRIL 2006**

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## 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to summarise the applications received by Council in the April 2006 Zero Waste Funding round and the funds approved.

Application enquiries and initial review was conducted by Waste Education Services as part of their current contract with Council.

## 2 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Four applications were received in this funding round and reviewed by Council staff and Councillor Bryant.

The applications received and grants approved were as follows:

### 2.1 Bagz Skipz and More Ltd

This is an existing business collecting garden waste and mixed refuse. It differs from other businesses in that it separates green waste and recyclable materials from mixed refuse and therefore minimises total waste to landfill.

We recommend a grant of \$500 for targeted, educational advertising material.

### 2.2 Golden Bay Community Organic Gardens

This applicant has applied for funding to deliver further adult education composting workshops. Previous workshops have averaged seven participants per workshop.

We recommend a grant of \$1550 for delivery of ten workshops.

### **2.3 Kahurangi Employment Trust**

The Kahurangi Employment Trust has applied for funding for a schools' recycling feasibility study. This study would build on information gathered by Waste Education Services and would be used to determine the financial feasibility of implementing a recycling collection service in schools within the Waimea Basin area. While the data would be collected initially for the benefit of KET, it would be reported to Council and available to third parties.

We recommend a grant of \$2000 for completion of the feasibility study.

### **2.4 Workcentre Waste Solutions Trust**

The trust currently operates a reuse shop and processes recyclable materials at the TDC Takaka Resource Recovery Centre and separates reusable and recyclable materials from the mixed waste stream. Through these activities, the trust diverts significant waste from landfill.

We recommend a grant of \$5350 to fund improvements to the reuse shop and support volunteer involvement.

## **3 RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the following Zero Waste Grants be approved:**

<b>Bagz Skipz and More Ltd</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Golden Bay Community Organic Gardens</b>	<b>\$1550</b>
<b>Kahurangi Employment Trust</b>	<b>\$2000</b>
<b>Workcentre Waste Solutions Trust</b>	<b>\$5350</b>

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