

STAFF REPORT

TO: Engineering Service Committee Meeting

FROM: Solid Waste Project Engineer

REFERENCE:

DATE: 25 January 2006

SUBJECT: Refuse and Recycling

ZERO WASTE GRANTS - OCTOBER

Grant applications for October 2005 were received from the following organisations:

Organisation	Date Received
Bagz, Skipz & More Ltd – Dave Wilson	28/9/05
Te Whanau o Pakarana, Parklands School – Sarah Coup	14/9/05
Babysense – Daniel & Carla Malcolm	14/10/05
Green Teens – Brittany Packer, Sophie Turner, Jarrod Coutts, Lancia Hubley	14/10/05
Revive Reuse Shop – Kahurangi Employment Trust	25/10/05

The Bagsz, Skipz and More Ltd application has been withdrawn due to the business being for sale.

Recommendations were as follows:

Te Whanau o Pakarana

This application has positive educational messages for students, parents and other teachers to embrace. There is potential for the project to expand into the rest of the school and it could also become a case study to showcase to other schools in the district.

Babysense

This business is just starting out in the region and needs promotional messages to make people aware that the product is now available here. Babysense are the only stockists of reusable cloth nappies in the top of the south. I am aware that there has been a growing demand for this product in the area and Babysense should fill that need. The reduction of disposable nappies from landfill is a very cost effective project as disposables make up a large part of landfill. Grant money should be allocated for promotion of the business in the Tasman region. Promotional flyers should have some positive environmental message that highlights the large number of disposable nappies going into the landfill. This needs to be a requirement of the grant. (The current rate of sales would give an annual volume reduction to landfill of approximately 83m³/year.)

Green Teens

This group of four college students has come up with innovative solutions to the plastic shopping bag problem. They have researched and thought through the problem of why reusable shopping bags are not being used, and come up with a number of educational reminders for shoppers. They have a track record of motivated environmental action in the community and at least two of them have represented young New Zealand environmentalists overseas as Sir Peter Blake Ambassadors. Our only concern is that the project has no long-term viability, but we believe it stands alone as a worthwhile educational waste minimisation project.

Revive Reuse Shop

This Reuse shop has been fulfilling a need in Richmond for the past 6 years and has been well received by the community. There is a need for the shop to revive itself and create easier access for people to drop off their reusables. We believe this is a valuable service to the community and a crucial diversion of reusable waste to landfill. KET also provides positive employment opportunities to "community service" workers and disabled workers. The potential for the business to grow is high, thus diverting more "waste". We believe a revamp will add value to the service in the eyes of the community and give a positive message to the concept of recycling. This application was delayed while the applicants communicated directly with TDC staff. (Current waste diversion from landfill is approximately 1000m3/year).

No funding had been allocated yet this financial year.

The budget of \$28,000.00 is allocated for Zero Waste Grants in 2005/2006 as follows:

School Programmes	0718252601	\$5,000
Education	0718252602	\$8,000
Recycling grant	0718252607	\$15,000

It was recommended and approved that \$5870.00 in total be allocated to the following applicants in the amounts below: As the grant amounts were under \$10,000, the grants were approved by the Engineering Manager and Councillor Stuart Bryant by delegated authority from the Engineering Services Committee.

Organisation	Amount Received
Te Whanau o Pakarana, Parklands School - Sarah Coup	\$550.00
Babysense – Daniel & Carla Malcolm	\$700.00
Green Teens – Brittany Packer, Sophie Turner, Jarrod Coutts, Lancia Hubley (administered by Nelson College for Girls Environment Group)	\$620.00
Revive Reuse Shop – Kahurangi Employment Trust	\$4000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report be received.