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COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 29 April 2026

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: Cr Fi Dalgety

Membership: Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Paul Sharland
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Notice is hereby given that a Community Grants Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Wednesday, 29 April 2026 at 1.00pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Reports for Decision

6.1 Community Initiatives Fund - Consideration of Applications for Round Two 2025/26

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The total allocation for the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) for 2025/26 is \$30,000. Council approved carrying forward unspent funds from 2024/25, with the combined carry-forward amount and remaining balance from round one totalling \$29,058.

1.2 A total of \$41,022.21 has been requested in Round Two.

2. Context

2.1 Round Two – 2025/26

2.2 Eleven applications have been received for Round Two for the Community Initiatives Fund.

2.3 The applications have been individually assessed by the Community Grants Committee in SmartyGrants

Applicant	Amount Requested
Friends of Taihape Charitable Society	\$20,000
Brain Injury Association Whanganui	\$2,500
People First New Zealand Incorporated	\$2,500
Taihape Neighbourhood Support	\$3,500
Bulls & District Community Trust	\$3,491
Rangitikei Forest and Bird	\$989.30
St Margarets Mobile Art Expo	\$1,770.91
Bulls Toy Library	\$2,340
Gumboots Brass and Wind Ensemble	\$1,297
Sport Whanganui	\$1,934
Taihape & District Museum & Historical Society	\$700
	\$41,022.21

3. Report Forms

- 3.1 It is a condition of the Community Initiatives Fund that Project Report Forms (for any previous projects that received funding) are returned before further funding can be sought. All applicants have completed these.
- 3.2 Attached, under separate cover, are four completed Project Report Forms from previous rounds of funding for the Community Initiatives Fund.
 - 3.2.1 Brain Injury Association Whanganui
 - 3.2.2 Bulls Toy Library
 - 3.2.3 Forest and Bird Society - Rangitikei branch
 - 3.2.4 The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable

4. Recommendation on Carry-Forward of Funds

- 4.1 If there are any remaining funds at the end of this item, it would be beneficial for the Committee to make a recommendation on whether any remaining funds should be carried forward. This is due to the timing of Round One, which typically occurs prior to the Council decision.
- 4.2 The Committee should consider, if the funds are carried forward, whether they are likely to be spent in the following financial year.

5. Discussion and Options Considered

- 5.1 The reason for this report is to provide the distribution of the funds for the Community Initiatives Funds by the Community Grants Committee which will be undertaken at the meeting.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The distribution of the Community Initiatives Fund is a budgeted expense.

7. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 7.1 There are no impacts on Council's strategic risks.

8. Strategic Alignment

- 8.1 The Community Initiatives Fund supports the environmental, social, economic, and cultural outcomes as these grants support organisations and groups to continue or start new initiatives in the district.

9. Mana Whenua Implications

- 9.1 Mana whenua implications will be considered where relevant in the assessment of funding applications.

10. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 10.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report.

11. Statutory Implications

11.1 There are no statutory implications associated with this report.

12. Decision Making Process

12.1 The decision is considered to have low significance.

Attachments:

- 1. Community Initiatives Fund - Project Report Forms (under separate cover)**

Recommendation 1

That the report Community Initiatives Fund – Consideration of Applications for Round Two of 2025/26 be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Community Grants Committee approve the sponsorship of projects listed below, and disperse the Community Initiatives Fund as outlined to successful applicants:

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Recommendation 3

That the Community Initiatives Fund – Project Report Forms to be received.

Recommendation 4

[If required]

That the Community Grants Committee does / does not [delete one] recommend to Council that the remaining funds totalling _____ from the Community Initiatives Fund 2025/26 be carried forward to 2026/27.

6.2 Event Support Scheme - Consideration of Applications for Round Two for 2025/26**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor**Authoriser:** Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The total allocation for the Event Support Scheme for 2025/26 is \$25,000. Council approved the carry-forward of unspent funds from 2024/25, with the combined carry-forward amount and remaining balance from round one initially totalling \$13,420. A refund of \$1,200 was received from a round one applicant, bringing the total available funds for round two to \$14,620.
- 1.2 A total of **\$23,648.70** has been requested in Round Two This exceeds the total amount available.

2. Round Two – 2025/26

- 2.1 Four applications were received for Round Two and were individually assessed by the Community Grants Committee through SmartyGrants. One application was declined during the staff pre-assessment stage; however, it was still put forward for assessment in case a decision was made to retrospectively fund the event.

Applicant	Amount Requested
Bulls & District Community Trust	\$5,944.24
Bulls Junior Rugby Club	\$3,400
Rangitikei Netball	\$2,000
	\$11,344.24

3. Report Forms

- 3.1 It is a condition of the Events Support Scheme that Project Report Forms (for any previous events that received funding) are returned before further funding can be sought. All applicants have completed these.
- 3.2 Attached, under separate cover, are five completed Project Report Forms from previous rounds of funding for the Event Support Scheme.
- 3.2.1 Bulls and District Community Trust – Christmas in the Park
- 3.2.2 Gumboots Brass and Wind Ensemble Inc - Junior Bands Rock 2025
- 3.2.3 Marton Arts & Crafts Centre Inc - Garden Tour 2025
- 3.2.4 Opaea Marae - Hine Raumati Market Day
- 3.2.5 Saint Josephs School Taihape PTA - Up the Garden path

4. Recommendation on Carry-Forward of Funds

- 4.1 If there are any remaining funds at the end of this item, it would be beneficial for the Committee to make a recommendation on whether any remaining funds should be

carried forward. This is due to the timing of Round One, which typically occurs prior to final Council decisions.

- 4.2 The Committee should consider, if the funds are carried forward, whether they are likely to be spent in the following financial year.

5. Discussion and Options Considered

- 5.1 The reason for this report is to provide the distribution of the funds for the Event Support Scheme by the Community Grants Committee which will be undertaken at the meeting. The Committee has the options of granting or declining funding.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The distribution of the Event Support Scheme is a budgeted expense.

7. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 7.1 There are no impacts on Council's strategic risks.

8. Strategic Alignment

- 8.1 The Event Support Scheme supports the environmental, social, economic, and cultural outcomes as these grants support organisations and groups to continue or start new events in the district.

9. Mana Whenua Implications

- 9.1 Mana whenua implications will be considered where relevant in the assessment of funding applications

10. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 10.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report.

11. Statutory Implications

- 11.1 There are no statutory implications associated with this report.

12. Decision Making Process

- 12.1 The decision is considered to have low significance.

Attachments:

- 1. Event Support Scheme - Project Report Forms (under separate cover)**

ITEM 6.2

Recommendation 1

That the report Event Support Scheme – Consideration of Applications for Round Two of 2025/26 be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Community Grants Committee approve the sponsorship of events listed below, and disperse the Events Support Scheme funds as outlined to successful applicants:

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Recommendation 3

That the Event Support Scheme – Project Report Forms be received.

Recommendation 4

[If required]

That the Community Grants Committee does / does not [delete one] recommend to Council that the remaining funds totalling _____ from the Event Support Scheme 2025/26 be carried forward into 2026/27.

7 Meeting Closed.