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INTRODUCTION

Central Hawke's Bay District Council (Council) through its Environmental and Sustainability Strategy (the Strategy) has set an intent and direction to more purposefully control its impact on the environment and to be a leader in promoting sustainable and environmentally friendly practice in Central Hawke's Bay. Through project THRIVE, residents voiced a want to protect and enhance the place they call home in Central Hawke's Bay. The Strategy provides direction and guidance as to how Council will play its part and support others to play theirs including through the provision of funding.

Community groups or members can apply for **Environmental and Sustainability Funding** under the terms and criteria set out in the policy.

The fund is contestable so the success of the application is dependent on the applications meeting of the fund criteria and the funds money available in any given year for allocation.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Environmental Funding Policy is to provide guidelines as to how funding should be allocated to best meet Councils objectives as outlined in the Strategy.

The policy also provides a transparent framework to ensure good stewardship of public funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY FUND

The Environmental and Sustainability Fund (the Fund) seeks to support Community based not-for-profit organisations or individuals that support our community to THRIVE.

The fund is contestable and supports projects that are an activity, programme or development that supports the objectives of the Strategy and promotes our community to THRIVE.

Applications to the fund may not always be monetary and could include the provision of materials, labour or other support.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The fund utilises money made available by Councils National Waste Levy income and is set at a maximum allocable amount of \$20,000 per financial year.

By way of Council resolution, this fund may increase or decrease. Councils financial year is 1 July – 30 June.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Environmental and Sustainability Fund, applicants should meet the following criteria listed below. The criteria are designed to deliver on the objectives of the Strategy but also to meet Ministry for the Environment criteria about the use of Waste Levy money. The criteria are:

- Applications will demonstrate alignment with one or more stated objectives in the Environmental and Sustainability Strategy
- Applications must provide linkages to Councils Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
- Applications that involve a use of or change to Council infrastructure or services will demonstrate alignment with relevant Council plans including activity management plans
- Applications must demonstrate benefit specifically to Central Hawke's Bay
- Applications must demonstrate support of the community
- Applications must demonstrate support from or achievement of wider community outcomes.
- If the applicant is an individual they must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident; if the application is from a group or organisation, they must be based in New Zealand
- If the applicant has already received funding from the Environmental and Sustainability Fund for another project, they must have completed a satisfactory Project completion Report for the other project before they can make another application, unless the other project is still in progress
- Funds of over \$1,000 will only be granted to formalised Incorporated or Charitable bodies.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications to the fund are open and encouraged throughout the year and are only limited by the funding available.
- Applicants must complete the application form and provide supporting documentation.
- Applications under \$500 will be assessed and approved by the Environment and Regulatory Committee Chair and one other Environment and Regulatory Committee member, and reported back to the Environment and Regulatory Committee.
- Applications over \$500 will be assessed and approved by the full Environment and Regulatory Committee, received and co-ordinated by the Solid Waste Manager.
- Applicants will be notified in writing as to the outcome of their application.

- All applicants must provide a report on the project to Council following completion of the project or activity. Failure to do this could negate future council funding requests from the applicant.