

<b>Central Hawke's Bay District Council</b>	<b>POLICY MANUAL</b>	
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<b>COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION SUPPORT FUND POLICY</b>	<b>Approved by:</b>	Council
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The CVOS Fund has \$25,000 to allocate by the Assessment Committee to community-based voluntary organisations in the following categories (listed below). The Chief Executive is responsible for the distribution of funds and the implementation of this Policy, through the Assessment Committee.

The Assessment Committee consists of three Councillors and three members of the public - assisted by the Executive Assistant.

The three public members will be appointed by the Mayor and representative Councillors following the triennial election and these appointments will be reported to Council for confirmation.

#### **CATEGORY 1:**

\$10,000 to voluntary organisations seeking grants for new community initiatives. Category 1 funding is for community voluntary organisations who have not received funding from CVOS, or the fund known as Community Initiatives, previously, or from groups who have received funding but are applying for a new project.

#### **Criteria:**

1. Community organisations must be domiciled in Central Hawke's Bay and be a voluntary non-profit organisation serving wholly or mainly residents of Central Hawke's Bay.
2. The application should be able to demonstrate that the project is in response to a significant need in the community.
3. The group should receive a wide measure of support from their community.
4. The level of funding available from other agencies, including fund-raising, will be taken into account when assessing the project
5. The project should wholly or mainly benefit residents of Central Hawke's Bay.
6. The level of funding available from other agencies will be taken into account when assessing the project, as will the contribution being made by the applicant.
7. Projects that are eligible for, or have received funding from other agencies may be considered for funding from CVOS. However, priority will be given to projects which are unable to source funding from elsewhere.
8. Applicants that have received funding from CVOS previously for the same project are not eligible for funding.
9. Grants made for Category 1 projects will not exceed 75% of the total cost of the individual project.

10. Projects will be prioritised and the level of funding granted will be based on this.
11. The Assessment Committee is allowed the flexibility to allocate excess funds from Category 1 to Category 2 in those years when there are insufficient worthy applicants to receive grants from Category 1.
12. There must be evidence of the long term sustainability of the project.

Applicants must provide evidence of the organisation's management of finances (bank statements etc) with the application for funding.

All applicants must provide a report on the project to Council by 31 March in the year following the grant. Failure to do this could negate future funding requests from the organisation.

## **CATEGORY 2:**

\$15,000 for ongoing financial support to existing community organisations who provide ongoing community services to all of Central Hawke's Bay.

### **Criteria:**

1. Funding will be provided for costs that enable the continual running of a viable service that is deemed to be of considerable benefit to the community of Central Hawke's Bay. The onus of proof regarding benefit lies with the applicant. Costs may include:
  - Rental of building
  - Power charges
  - Stationery
  - Photocopying
  - Postage
  - Telephone/Fax
  - Insurance
  - Financial reporting costs
  - Personnel costs essential to the provision of the service
  - Marketing

Costs which are ineligible include the following:

- Rates payments
- Facility development

and other costs considered not being essential to the continual running of the service.

2. Community groups must be domiciled in Central Hawke's Bay and be a voluntary non-profit organisation serving wholly or mainly residents of Central Hawke's Bay.
3. The group should receive a wide measure of support from their community.
4. The level of funding available from other agencies, including fund-raising, will be taken into account when assessing the project.

5. Grants made for Category 2 will not exceed 50% of total ongoing organisational costs. However, if an organisation is able to provide evidence that it is experiencing extreme hardship and the continuation of the viable service is at risk, a grant higher than 50% may be awarded.

Applicants for Category 2 must provide as part of their application:

- (a) A copy of the most recent year's set of Financial Accounts.
- (b) Statistics or factual information which demonstrates the level of activity or achievements for the past year.
- (c) Evidence of the support the group receives from the community.