

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

10 MAY 2022

EXTRAORDINARY ITEM

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Report

To present the Māori Standing Committee with applications received requesting financial assistance.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. *Receive the Application for Financial Assistance Report.*
2. *Consider the application from Featherston Matariki Events Group for funding of \$900.00 to contribute towards Matariki events.*

The Māori Standing Committee has delegated authority to make financial decisions within the confines of the allocated and available budget as shown in the Income and Expenditure Report.

The application for consideration is summarised in the below table and will be provided to members in confidence.

Applicant	Amount Requested
Featherston Matariki Events Group	\$900.00

1. Criteria

The current grant criteria for an organisation is:

South Wairarapa

To be eligible the applicant must be from a non-profit organisation that can demonstrate they have a focus to building communities.

The activity must connect to one or more of the following community outcomes: Social (leadership opportunity), Cultural (opportunity to learn Mātauranga Māori), Environmental (training opportunity) or Economic (work experience or job opportunity).

1. A successful organisation will be required to spend the grant received within 6 months of receipt. Should an extension of time be required, a written request is to be made to the Māori Standing Committee (MSC) chairperson.
2. An MSC Accountability form together with evidence of the expenditure is required within 3 months of a grant being spent (*provide all invoices & receipts*).
3. All questions must be completed.
4. Applications to a maximum value of \$1000 will be considered (GST will be added to grants approved for GST registered applicants).
5. All grants will be considered on a case by case basis and are required to be submitted for consideration at least 10 days prior to the MSC meetings.
6. An organisation is eligible for one grant per year from the MSC Grants fund.
7. Applicants will be invited back to present to the MSC after completing the activity to share their experience.

It should be noted that Council adopted a new [Grants Policy](#) which sets out the eligibility criteria for applications. The policy took effect from 1 July 2021. The Māori Standing Committee grant forms were due for review in August 2021 and officers will work with the committee to update the forms in line with the new policy.

2. Accountability Reports

Applicant	Status of Accountability Forms for Previous Grants
Featherston Marariki Event Group	No previous grants or outstanding accountability forms

3. Conclusion

Officers will work with the committee to update the forms to ensure they are still fit for purpose and are aligned with the new Grants Policy.

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