

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: David Stephenson, Utilities Asset Engineer
REFERENCE: R396
DATE: 10 February 2009
SUBJECT: **ZERO WASTE GRANTS – SECOND ROUND 2008/09**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend action on three Zero Waste Grant applications received recently.

2 BACKGROUND

Three applications were received at the conclusion of last year for consideration by the committee. A further six applications were received from schools and early childhood centres for approximately \$900 of funding. These applications are being processed separately through the delegated approval of the Manager Engineering Services and the Deputy Chair (30 November 2006).

Organisation	Purpose	Funds sought (excl GST)
Riwaka Resurgence Lodge Ltd	Purchase of large recycling bins for guest use Hire of chipper for mulching greenwaste on-site	\$1,320
D&C Packaging Ltd	Purchase of steel cages (20) for cardboard recycling at client packhouses, provision of woolpacs (50) and installation of baler for soft plastic recycling	\$20,420
Te Whare Mahane Helping Hands Project	Purchase of trailer, crates and cages for cardboard recycling service in Takaka. Funds for advertising and flyers.	\$4,250

3 DISCUSSION

3.1 Riwaka Resurgence Lodge Ltd

This applicant has applied for funding for two projects: provision of recycling bins for guests and for chipper hire to assist with the disposal of greenwaste from clearance of vegetation on site. The applicant has a good reputation and has recently been awarded a Enviro Gold rating from Qualmark.

It is considered that the application for recycling bins has merit. The applicant is currently outside the kerbside route and is recycling at present, using a very manual process. The price submitted for recycling bins however appears to be high. Council is able to source bins through existing suppliers at a reduced rate and it is proposed to provide the bins on this basis, for a lesser amount.

The application for assistance for greenwaste has some merit, but not strictly on waste minimisation grounds. It is considered unlikely that disposal to landfill would be chosen as a disposal method for this material. A grant is not recommended for this item.

3.2 D&C Packaging Ltd

This application is from a supplier of packaging materials to the horticultural sector (primarily pipfruit and kiwifruit packhouses). The applicant is proposing to provide recycling cages and wool sacks to each packhouse for the recycling of cardboard and soft plastic packaging. The applicant advises that they have in place collection and recycling contracts for cardboard and have purchased and installed a baler for soft plastic. The collection would be provided at no cost to the customers (packhouses) and with no revenue for the applicant.

It is considered that this application has significant merit. The applicant is proposing what is essentially a local product stewardship scheme that takes responsibility for waste that is produced as a by-product (in this instance cardboard and soft plastic). The applicant appears to have shown commitment to the proposal, by already having in place collection contracts and by installation of mechanical plant.

Because of the magnitude of the application, it is recommended that a grant be made for 50% of some items, with a recommendation to the applicant to apply further in the upcoming financial year. A grant of \$10,665 would provide for installation of the soft plastic baler and provision of 10 cages and 25 wool pacs. It may be prudent with this application to place some security on the proposed assets (e.g. the cages) to give Council some comeback in the instance that the service is not successful.

3.3 Te Whare Mahane Helping Hands Project

This applicant is proposing a small scale recycling service for cardboard in Takaka. The applicant already provides this service on a low-cost basis to some existing businesses with positive feedback. The applicant is a not-for-profit organisation and provides opportunities for transition to work for members of the community with mental health needs.

The application is seen to have merit. Because of the limited scale of commercial business in Golden Bay it is seen as less likely that commercial recycling services will be provided in the near future. Because of limited funds available, a grant for the trailer only (\$2500) is recommended. It may be prudent with this application to place some security on the proposed assets (e.g. the trailer) to give Council some comeback in the instance that the service is not successful.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following Zero Waste Grants be approved:

Riwaka Resurgence Lodge Ltd	Purchase of large recycling bins for guest use	\$390
D&C Packaging Ltd	Purchase of steel cages (10) for cardboard recycling at client packhouses, provision of woolpacs (25) and installation of baler for soft plastic recycling	\$10,665
Te Whare Mahane Helping Hands Project	Purchase of trailer for cardboard recycling service in Takaka.	\$4,250

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