

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Community and Recreation Advisor
REFERENCE: C752
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REASON FOR THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Community Services Committee on the Grants from Rates application from Nelson Tasman Business Trust.

BACKGROUND

Correspondence has been received from Nelson Tasman Business Trust including a copy of the application they believe was forwarded in time to meet the closing date and requesting that Tasman District Council consider the application. The Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee did not receive or consider an application from Nelson Tasman Business Trust for the 2006 Grants from Rates round. The Nelson Tasman Business Trust has applied to and received funding from this funding round of \$10,000 in both 2004 and 2005.

DISCUSSION

It is not possible to identify why the application was not received but the Grants from Rates Subcommittee has been consistent in declining late applications. The application form clearly states that the closing date for applications is the last working day of August each year and that applications will not be considered after the closing date.

The Subcommittee are able to consider further applications before the end of the financial year. This round is funded via a mix of unallocated funds and any funds returned from previous rounds where projects came in under budget or did not proceed. It does need to be noted that with limited funds available that the request from Nelson Tasman Business Trust for \$10,000 is unlikely to be met.

The grants allocated in the 2006 round totalled \$155,780 from an available pool of \$162,000, leaving \$6,220 currently unallocated.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Recreation Advisor invite the Nelson Tasman Business Trust to submit their application to the end of the financial year round to be presented to Grants and Community Facilities Sub-committee May/June 2007. That the level of funding available to be conveyed to the Nelson Tasman Business Trust and that other applications may be presented to the committee at that time.

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