

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Administration Advisor
REFERENCE: G600
DATE: 14 June 2007
SUBJECT: Lottery Community Facilities Fund

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To update the Committee on the above fund.

BACKGROUND

Funding for the Lottery Community Facilities Fund was withdrawn some years ago and the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board has decided to reintroduce it with a new focus.

From 2007 the Lottery Community Facilities Fund will make grants to not-for-profit organisations for building projects to construct or improve community facilities. Funding will be provided for community facilities that support participation in community activities and social interaction. These foster community cohesion and strengthen communities.

To be considered for funding, projects must have a total cost of over \$30,000.

The Board has set aside over \$8 million of lottery profits (from NZ Lotteries) to reintroduce community facilities funding. The Board will make its final decision in June about the total amount that will be available for distribution in the first funding round in 2007-2008.

Initially there will be one funding round each year. Applications for the first funding round open on 30 April 2007 and close on 27 July 2007. Funding decisions will be announced in early December 2007.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this information be received.

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