

## **STAFF REPORT**

TO: Grants and Community Facilities Rate  
Subcommittee

FROM: Community Recreation Advisor

REFERENCE: G605

DATE: 20 February 2008

SUBJECT: Request for Funding to Initiate Migrant Services in  
Motueka

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Nelson/Tasman region is the provincial area with the highest number of residents born overseas. To ensure these residents feel welcome and are able to become part of and contribute to our communities, services are required to assist their integration.

### **DISCUSSION**

Ann Dysart from Family and Community Services meet with Mayor Richard Kempthorne and myself on 18 February to discuss possible regional initiatives and support available to meet these.

It has been identified by two projects, Settlement Support and Settling In, that there is a large group of migrants in the Motueka area and no services to meet their needs. There is a current need for support and information services to allow smoother integration for migrants and that can be addressed by creating a point of contact and an advisory service.

Family and Community Services are willing to act on this and are able to allocate funds in the short term from February to 30 June. The Family and Community Services funding is dependant on partnership funding. The project has been budgeted at \$3,372.50 for a five hour a week service. If Tasman District Council contribute \$500 this will allow the project to proceed up to June at which point Tasman District Council will be requesting ongoing funding from Family and Community Services.

I appreciate that it is unusual for a staff member to be forwarding a request to the committee but I feel that a valuable opportunity has been offered to our community. As we were informed that this funding was available on Monday 18 February, time is off the essence so I, as the Tasman District Council

representative on the Settlement Support and Settling In projects, feel well placed to forward the request for funds.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Tasman District Council allocate \$500 to the Motueka Migrant Support and Information service to allow this service to begin as soon as possible.

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