

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Manager Community Services
DATE: 12 October 2005
SUBJECT: Reserve DIL's Funding Request

PURPOSE

To advise the Committee of a request received for Reserve DIL's funding and to recommend an appropriate course of action.

BACKGROUND

The Motueka Bowling Club applied for funds from Council's Grants from Rates Scheme but were declined because of the capital nature of the work. However, they were advised of the Reserve DIL's fund.

The Club has now written in as follows:

"Our Club has entered into a contract with Astrograss Allweather Surfaces Limited for \$76,480.00 (excluding GST) to replace our existing artificial green, which was laid in 1993, with a new astrograss (super green 02) surface.

Our artificial green is the only one in our area and is used during the winter months by bowlers from Motueka, Riwaka, Mapua and Ngatimoti clubs. In addition, a competition is run from October one year until March the following year for non-bowlers which is very popular. This competition is called league bowls and attracts up to 80 players. The attraction of the artificial green is that it can be played on throughout the year and dries out quickly after wet weather. Our club has also endeavoured to attract secondary school children to play bowls.

As I mentioned in our conversation this afternoon our clubhouse and kitchen is available for use by all community groups in the area. This year our facilities have been used by the NZ Deaf Bowlers Association, 50 Plus Walkers, Senior Citizens, Probus Clubs of Motueka and Seniornet Motueka.

We would be extremely grateful if you would put our case for financial assistance before your Council. Our financial position is as follows:

Total cost of project (excluding GST)	\$76,480.00
Grants received so far –	
Lion Foundation	5,000.00
Scottwood Trust	5,000.00
Value of our Astrograss Replacement Fund invested at Westpac	55,501.11
Shortfall	10,978.89

	\$76,480.00
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Just recently, in fact on 26 September 2005, we have applied for assistance from Network Tasman and are hoping to obtain say \$5,000.00 from them for this project.”

DISCUSSION

As can be seen from the above information, the Club has a maximum shortfall of just under \$11,000.00. This project qualifies for Reserve DIL’s funding and the information provided by them shows the considerable use being inside of their current facilities by other groups.

Obviously whatever decision Community Services make, this request will need to be referred to the Community Board for their approval. Normally this would be done prior to this meeting. However the request has just been received and the Board’s next meeting is on Tuesday 25 October. A copy of this report is being included in the Board’s agenda.

Based on an income of \$200,000.00 for the 2005/06 financial year, the estimated credit balance in the Motueka Reserve DIL’s account as at 30 June 2006 is approximately \$30,000.00. Actual income after three months of the year is \$33,000.00. However, the \$200,000.00 budget should still be achieved.

Therefore funds are available to assist the Bowling Club should this Committee and the Board so wish. As will be noted the Club is making a significant contribution to this project from their own funds.

RECOMMENDATION

That in order for the Bowling Club to proceed with their project that a grant of \$6,000.00 be made and an offer of a loan of up to \$5,000.00 should the request to Network Tasman be declined or only approved in part. Such a loan be for a maximum term of five years based on 0% interest for the first year, 1% for the second year and increasing by 1% for every year thereafter.

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