

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Peter Thomson, Engineering Manager
REFERENCE: R396
DATE: 3 June 2008
SUBJECT: **ZERO WASTE GRANTS – SECOND ROUND 2008**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend approval of four Zero Waste Grant applications received recently.

2 BACKGROUND

Five applications were received for this years April round of funding from the following organisations:

Organisation	Purpose	Funds sought
Greenwood Kindergarten	Purchase of compost and recycling bins	\$342.50
Brightwater Kindergarten	Purchase of compost and worm bins	\$218.00
Ngatimoti School	Purchase of a large garden chipper	\$1999.00
Luminate Festival	Purchase of reusable plates and mugs for festival, purchase of advertising and promotional material	\$3280.00
Yo-yo Nappies	100 subsidies of \$15 for the initial purchase of cloth nappies by Tasman residents	\$1500.00

At its meeting of 30 November 2006, the Engineering Services Committee resolved that:

Council Engineering Manager be given delegated authority, in conjunction with Deputy Chair, Engineering Services Committee, to award grants from the approved zero waste budget for simple applications of up to \$1,000 from schools and community groups where the grant is for the purchase of equipment or provision of educational activities for the purpose of waste minimisation, and a six monthly schedule of grants applied for and the decisions made be forwarded to the Engineering Services Committee.

Note - Due to staff unavailability all grant recommendations are being bought through to the Committee for this round.

The first four applications are considered to meet the normal grant criteria.

3 DISCUSSION

3.1 Greenwood and Brightwater Kindergartens

The two applications by these kindergartens are for purchases of equipment directly associated with waste minimisation and it is recommended that the applications be granted.

3.2 Ngatimoti School

The application from the Ngatimoti School has merit. The school is reasonably isolated, and despite this feedback from the waste education contractor indicates that the school is achieving remarkably good results in the waste minimisation area. Provided that the machine is kept good repair and used for the benefit of the school, it will reduce the amount of material currently burned on site, and provide good education opportunities for the school.

3.3 Luminate Festival

The application from Luminate Festival is to purchase reusable plates and mugs and for advertising and promotion of their waste reduction policy. Luminate is a festival of music, dance, art, creativity and sustainability held at Canaan Downs, Takaka Hill. At this year's event, the organisers took an innovative approach to zero waste with no rubbish bins or recycling facilities on site, Festival goers (over 500 people) were required to pack out what they took in and stallholders were required to serve refreshments either on biodegradable dishes which could be composted, on reusable ceramics, or on to people's own plates and cups.

This massively reduced the amount of waste and by the end of the five day event the organisers had only four bags of recyclables and one of non-recyclable rubbish (a lot of which had been collected prior to the festival as rubbish from previous events on the site).

The application is for the purchase of reusable plates and mugs and advertising and promotional material targeted at their waste reduction policy.

3.4 Jan Yeo, Yoyo Nappies

Jan Yeo has applied, on behalf of three cloth nappy manufacturers and distributors in the Tasman District, for up to 100 subsidies of \$15 for the initial purchase of cloth nappies by Tasman residents.

This application follows an award in the previous year of \$750, for which an accountability report has been received and reviewed.

The use of cloth nappies has clear waste minimisation benefits in terms of reduction of waste to landfill. In practical terms, the scheme could be administered in a similar fashion to the current compost and worm bin scheme, with rebates paid to retailers on a monthly basis, on proof of sales and to an agreed maximum.

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 THAT the following Zero Waste Grants be approved:

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4.2 THAT the application from Yoyo Nappies be funded from the Waste Minimisation budget up to a maximum of \$1500.00 for 100 x \$15 rebates paid to retailers for the initial purchase of cloth nappies subject to proof of purchase.



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