

## TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL POLICY ON COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

### POLICY REFERENCES

• Sponsor:	<b>Group Manager Finance - Mike Drummond</b>
• Effective date:	27 April 2023
• Review due:	Five yearly
• Legal compliance:	Council approval of the Policy, which requires to comply with Council's Revenue and Financing Policy
• Associated Documents/References	Tasman District Council Revenue and Financing Policy
• Policy Number	P100
• Approved by Council (If Applicable)	27 April 2023

### 1. Purpose of the Community Boards' Discretionary Funding

Each of the two community boards in Tasman District receive funding from Council through targeted rates. The Boards may use part of the funding as a discretionary fund to allocate funding:

- a) for community projects and initiatives in their Ward that their Community Board considers will benefit their community; and
- b) to support their Community Board functions, including:
  - I. Board members attendance at conferences or training workshops;
  - II. Board advertising and communication;
  - III. Board community surveys;
  - IV. and for Board functions; and
- c) to support youth related activities in their Ward.

### 2. Application

This policy applies to the disbursement of funds from the Motueka and Golden Bay Community Board Discretionary Funds.

### 3. Review of this Policy

This policy may be amended either as part of a five yearly review or where one or both community boards have requested a review and proposed changes to the Policy.

### 4. Generic criteria for the allocation of Discretionary Funds by either the Motueka or the Golden Bay Community Board:

- 4.1 All approved projects and initiatives must contribute to Tasman District Council's Community Outcomes as set out in Council's 10 Year Plan;
- 4.2 Projects need to demonstrate local community support.
- 4.3 Projects must take place within the ward of the Community Board which has allocated funding for the project and demonstrate a clear benefit to that community, including addressing an identified community need.
- 4.4 Discretionary funding will not be provided for:
  - Ongoing operational costs that are not project specific;
  - Costs that cannot be verified with appropriate quotes;
  - Projects that have already been completed.
- 4.5 Funding is for not for individuals, and not to be for a project that is the responsibility of Central Government or other agencies.
- 4.6 Applications must be for a specific project and disclose any other Council funding applied for, e.g., Community Grants.
- 4.7 An organisation may receive only one Discretionary Fund grant a year.
- 4.8 Applications should be made three weeks before the Community Board receiving the application meets to consider funding allocations.
- 4.9 Applicants should provide appropriate financial statements e.g., a statement of financial position (balance sheet) and a statement of financial performance (profit and loss).
- 4.10 Where appropriate (for example a public event), funding applications should be supported by an appropriate Health and Safety Plan. Funds will be allocated through monthly funding rounds. Applicants may be given less funding than they apply for.
- 4.11 Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting at which applications are considered, in order to speak to their request and answer any questions on the information supplied.
- 4.12 All decisions made by a community board to award funding to an applicant for a project will become public information following the meeting and be included in the minutes of the Board meeting. Applications and supporting information submitted to one of the community boards for funding will be included in an agenda for a meeting of that community board but be subject to the requirements of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (which may require certain information to not be disclosed as part of a public agenda but distributed separately to Board members - for example financial or commercially sensitive information, personal information).
- 4.13 Funding is to be used only for the purpose approved. Unused funding must be returned to the Board at the termination or completion of the project.

- 4.14 Each year more project funding requests will be received than funds available and not all requests will be successful. The Board's decision on project funding is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 4.15 The Motueka and Golden Bay Community Boards acknowledge that there could be extraordinary situations with applications which do not fully meet the criteria described in this policy. The Community Boards reserve the right to consider and approve such applications where there are exceptional and unique circumstances, with the reasons for the approval to be recorded in the resolution.

#### **5. Specific criteria for the allocation of Discretionary Funding by Motueka Community Board**

- 5.1 Applications are to follow the Motueka Community Board Discretionary Fund application form template, available from the Council's website, the Motueka Council Office or Motueka Library
- 5.2 Written applications can be delivered to the Motueka Council office or sent to the Motueka Community Board, C/- Tasman District Council, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka.
- 5.3 There is a \$700 maximum for applications for projects.
- 5.4 Projects must be completed within 12 months of receiving funding.
- 5.5 Successful applicants will report back to the Motueka Community Board on the project and how the funding was used, within 12 months of receiving funding. Community Board support staff will follow up with each organisation that has been provided funding.

#### **6. Specific criteria for the allocation of Discretionary Funding by the Golden Bay Community Board**

- 6.1 Application forms are available from the Council website, or the Takaka Service Centre.
- 6.2 Written applications can be dropped off at the council office or sent to the Golden Bay Community Board, C/- Tasman District Council.
- 6.3 There is a \$500 maximum for applications for projects.
- 6.4 Projects must be completed within 6 months of receiving funding.
- 6.5 Successful applicants will report back to the Golden Bay Community Board on the project and how the funding was used, within 6 months of receiving funding. Community Board support staff will follow up with each organisation that has been provided funding.

**Adopted by Tasman District Council**

**Date of approval: 27 April 2023**