

2. 2004/05 ANNUAL GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

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The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee to assist in its allocation of annual grants to community organisations.

INTRODUCTION

This report provides a brief overview of the funding process for applications to Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee.

The report should be read in conjunction with the three appendices:

1. Summary of Applications to Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee - attached
2. Spreadsheet of applicants funding history (grants to community organisations) - attached
3. Analysis of applications in terms of their alignment to Community Outcomes and Council Policy (to be circulated)

BACKGROUND

Following the Annual Plan process in 2003 the Council resolved that the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee be granted delegated authority to allocate grants to community organisations following the adoption of the LTCCP.

The Council agreed that all the requests for grants made as submission to the draft LTCCP would be forwarded to the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee rather than being considered by the Annual Plan Subcommittee.

On 23 April the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee met to consider how it would treat submissions for grant requests that were received as part of the draft LTCCP. The Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee resolved not to hear from groups who put in a submission for a grant.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All requests for major grants/annual grant consideration have been made in writing. Applications have included:

- History and rationale of project,
- Objectives of the project,
- Programme of activities for coming year
- A budget for the project,
- Latest audited accounts, and
- Annual reports

Staff have reviewed each of the applications and prepared a summary on each request (see Appendix 1). This report also includes a staff recommendation on the funding level for each application.

FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee has \$4,862,029 available for distribution.

For the 2004/05 budget the grants have been categorised into the following areas:

1. Community Services (a City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities)
2. Economic Development (a Prosperous City)
3. Arts and Heritage (a Cultural and Fun City)
4. Recreation and Sport (a City of Healthy and Active People)
5. Environment and Parks (Sustainable Natural Environment)
6. Corporate Services (a Well Governed City)

Each year there is significant pressure on the grants budget and this year is no exception, with most organisations seeking increases in funding and many new groups applying.

Funding Area	Amount Available *	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Community Services	1,444,830	7,233,584 (includes YMCA)	1,605,800
Economic Development	974,400	933,000	830,000
Arts and Heritage	1,091,990	1,391,500	1,123,500
Recreation and Sport	1,292,709 (includes YMCA)	761,869	1,422,869
Environment and Parks	142,800	295,500	176,000
Corporate Services	115,300	231,204	231,204
Total	5,062,029	10,846,657	5,389,373

* However, each category does not have its own set budget, it is dependent upon what was allocated last year.

ALLOCATION

Major grants are supposedly for organisations that have and continue to contribute in a significant way to the city as a whole.

The Council's support for major community organisations in the past has fallen into three categories:

1. Those organisations who have been granted a set level of support for a set period of time.
2. Those organisations whose support is reviewed each year at budget time including new applications.
3. One-off support for specific projects or organisations.

Staff have assessed whether applications align with community outcomes and with Council policies. Based on this analysis they have attempted to provide a priority ranking for applications (see Appendix 3 - to be circulated). Staff will also be available at the meeting to answer any further queries the Subcommittee may have regarding the applications.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A comprehensive monitoring and evaluation framework has been developed and will be applied to all grant recipients.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Subcommittee receive this report and make allocations from the grants to community organisations fund.