

13. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

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The purpose of this report is to inform Committee members of the Parks Unit's current funding applications and potential external funding opportunities. The report was not included on the main agenda as it was not available at the time the agenda was being prepared. The matter cannot wait for the next meeting of the Committee as it is important Councillors are aware of recent grants/sponsorship opportunities.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

Successful funding applications were made by the Parks Unit last year to Lottery, The Community Trust, Forest Heritage Trust, and the Pacific Development and Conservation Trust to the value of approximately \$450 000.

CURRENT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Parks Unit has recently applied for funding from Lottery Environment and Heritage and the Community Trust Recreation and Leisure. Projects for which funding is being requested are all approved plans or current planning exercises and are listed below:

Lottery Environment and Heritage (13 November 1999) – restoration and enhancement of:

Travis Wetland	\$120,000
Bexley Wetland	\$ 25,000
Brooklands Spit	\$ 25,000
Botanic Gardens Curator's House	<u>\$215,159</u>
Total	<u>\$385,159</u>

The Community Trust Recreation and Leisure (20 November 1999) – development of recreation facilities at:

Bottle Lake Forest	\$ 28,250
Chaney's Forest Park	\$ 200,000
New Brighton Beach Park	\$ 390,000
Horseshoe Lake Reserve	\$ 571,500
Drayton Reserve	\$ 100,000
Yaldhurst Bush Reserve	\$ 176,500
Styx Boating Reserve	<u>\$ 127,250</u>
Total	<u>\$1,593,500</u>

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

It is important that the Parks Unit utilises all alternative sources to rates for funding. We have identified more than 20 possible funding organisations to which we intend to apply for funds as projects arise.

While the current funding applications have been developed with only staff input because of time constraints. For future applications we are seeking ideas from Committee members, Board members and staff regarding projects that require extra funding and which may be suitable for a funding application.

While fund objectives of organisations differ, they all look for community profile, i.e. through direct community benefit and involvement, so partnerships with community groups on projects are good. The project does not necessarily have to be Council owned, it may be that we can help a community group to apply for funding. Projects that lack funds but are of high value should still be promoted.

CO-ORDINATION OF FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Our current applications have highlighted the need for co-ordination of funding requests across the Council. Mike Richardson has asked Bob Lineham, Jonathan Fletcher, Merv Altmants and Don Hampton to provide a means for prioritising applications and including involvement of elected representatives.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the above report be received for consideration at the present meeting.
 2. That the information be received.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** Not seen by Chairman.