


12. CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE MAYORAL RELIEF FUND: APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to:
 - (a) grant \$50,000 to St Michael and All Angels Parish Trust towards the costs of repair and restoration of the church organ
 - (b) grant \$3,500 to North Avon Christchurch BMX Club to buy a trailer for secure storage of equipment, which cannot be stored in earthquake-damaged buildings
 - (c) grant \$4,500 to Riccarton Leagues Club towards repairs to the Club building
 - (d) grant \$1,000 to Papanui Handiscope towards the costs of storage of equipment, following earthquake damage to former premises and hire costs for new premises
 - (e) grant \$5,000 to Waimairi Tennis Club Inc. to cover the cost of geotechnical advice about rebuilding the Club's courts
 - (f) grant \$200,000 to Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust to support post-earthquake counselling and associated personal wellbeing interventions faced by community members suffering post-earthquake stress and financial distress
 - (g) transfer funds totalling \$150,000 to reflect the wish of a donor for this money to be passed through to the Mayor's Welfare Earthquake Relief Fund that has been established for individuals and families
 - (h) transfer the sum of \$1,000,000 to be set aside to establish a memorial to commemorate those who lost their lives, the injured, and to provide a site of remembrance for the community as they recover and rebuild from the trauma and tragedy brought on by the earthquakes and aftershocks of 2010 and 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The purpose of the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund as adopted by the Council on 12 May 2011 is set out in paragraph 8 below. As trustee for the Fund, the Council is bound to apply the monies only for the purposes specified in the Council resolution of 12 May 2011.
3. The applicant organisations have requested a total of \$1,094,490.55 towards the costs incurred by them as a result of earthquake damage. Summary details of the individual requests are given in the report.
4. Staff recommend that the Council makes grants totalling \$264,000 to applicant organisation projects.
5. Staff also recommend that the Council resolve to make transfers of \$150,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively, to the Mayor's Welfare Earthquake Relief Fund and the Earthquake Memorial.
6. **Attachment 1** is a matrix showing applications to the Fund which the Council has already approved.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The financial requests for each project are outlined in the background section of this report. As at 2 February 2012 there was \$4,045,059.37 in uncommitted funds held by the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund. If the grants and transfers recommended in this report are approved there will be \$ 2,631,059.37 left in the Fund.

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LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

8. At the Council meeting of 12 May 2011 it was resolved:
- (b) *That the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund was established, and will continue to be maintained, by the Council as a "public fund" (as described in section LD 3(2)(d) of the Income Tax Act 2007) exclusively for the purpose of providing money for any one or more charitable, benevolent, philanthropic or cultural purposes related to and in particular to provide relief to the people of Christchurch from the adverse effects of the 4 September 2010 and 22 February 2011 earthquakes, and associated aftershocks, by providing money for the any activity or work required as a result of those events that:*
- (i) *contributes to the rebuilding of the social and physical infrastructure of Christchurch, and*
- (ii) *assists in:*
- *remedying hardship suffered by individuals, groups, community organisations and businesses, and/or*
 - *protecting, repairing damage to or enhancing the physical fabric of the city.*
9. The Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund essentially operates as a trust with the Council acting as the trustee. As trustee, the Council is bound to apply the monies only for the purposes specified in the Council resolution above.
10. In terms of the activities that can be funded by the Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund, the first requirement is that any grant be used to contribute to the rebuilding of the social and physical infrastructure of Christchurch. The Oxford Dictionary defines the word "infrastructure" generally as "the foundation or basic structure of an undertaking", and specifically as "the installations and services (power stations, sewers, roads, housing etc) regarded as the economic foundation of a country". The word "infrastructure" therefore implies the undertaking of physical works.
11. However, paragraph (b)(i) of the resolution refers to "...any activity or work required as a result of those events that...(i) **contributes** to the rebuilding of the social and physical infrastructure of Christchurch..." It is therefore not necessary that the Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund's monies be applied solely to rebuilding actual physical infrastructure, but it is necessary that the monies be applied to any work or activity that **contributes** to such rebuilding. Therefore, whilst the focus of the Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund is the rebuilding of the social and physical infrastructure ("bricks and mortar"), it can also be used for any activity which **contributes** to that outcome.
12. In addition, any grant from the Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund must also assist in either remedying hardship or protecting, repairing or enhancing the physical fabric of the city.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

13. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Discussions with the individual applicants have been carried out.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

16. It is recommended that the Council approve the following grant allocations and transfers from the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund:
 - (a) \$50,000 to St Michael and All Angels Parish Trust towards the costs of repair and restoration of the church organ.
 - (b) \$3,500 to North Avon Christchurch BMX Club to buy a trailer for secure storage of equipment, which cannot be stored in earthquake-damaged buildings.
 - (c) \$4,500 to Riccarton Leagues Club towards repairs to the Club building.
 - (d) \$1,000 to Papanui Handiscope towards the costs of storage of equipment, following earthquake damage to former premises and rental costs for their new premises.
 - (e) \$5,000 to Waimairi Tennis Club Inc. to the cost of geotechnical advice about rebuilding the Club's courts.
 - (f) \$200,000 to Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust to support post-earthquake counselling and associated personal wellbeing interventions faced by community members suffering post-earthquake stress and financial distress.
 - (g) \$150,000 to be transferred to the Mayor's Welfare Earthquake Relief Fund as requested by the donor of this donation.
 - (h) \$1,000,000 to be transferred to a separate account for an Earthquake Memorial.
17. It is recommended that the Council decline the following grant application:
 - (a) The Sexual Abuse Survivors' Trust: \$30,000 to appoint a Service Co-ordinator as the scope of this application does not meet the fund criteria.

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

St Michael and All Angels Parish Trust - \$75,000 request

18. The Church's Bevington pipe organ, installed in 1873, was seriously damaged in both the September and February earthquakes. Total costs of repair and restoration are \$608,000. An insurance pay-out of \$207,000 will cover the basic cost of repairing the earthquake damage. However, the Church wants to take the opportunity, while the organ has been being removed to an offsite workshop for repair, to also undertake some restoration work. The church has commenced an Organ Restoration Appeal, which to date has attracted \$214,000. This leaves a current shortfall of \$187,000.
19. The Church notes that it is one of the few churches still in current operation since the earthquakes and appears to have survived intact through its earthquake strengthening work and wood construction. The church is listed as a Group One heritage item in the Christchurch City Council's City Plan and is registered as a Category 1 Historic Place by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. It is noted that the heritage recognition for the church places it in the top rating for cultural heritage nationally
20. The Church has a congregation of 200 plus men, women and children of all ages and ethnicity. The church has seen over 1,000 local and overseas visitors and is helping to host concerts and events that were previously held or scheduled to be held at other damaged venues. St Michael currently has a smaller organ on loan to support these activities where required. Examples of these events include: Bic Runga x 2 concerts, Mark Hobson and Friends (formerly held in the Great Hall in the Arts Centre), music teacher recitals (normally held in other venues), Repertory Theatre performances and Southern Opera.

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21. The Church advise that it is committed to the repair and restoration of the pipe organ and have been given a timeframe of 12 months to have the organ repaired, restored and re-installed into the church. Staff recommend a grant of \$50,000 towards the costs of the organ restoration.

North Avon Christchurch BMX Club - \$3,500 request

22. The Club is based at Bexley Reserve and the track suffered damage in both the September and February earthquakes. The Club has received a grant of \$15,000 from the Prime Minister's Christchurch Earthquake Appeal for the repair of the track. The club has a membership base of approximately 64 members, ranging in age from four to 62 years. The site is open to the general public daily at no cost. Memberships are charged at \$35 per annum and \$15 - \$35 for the BMX New Zealand licence. There is one other BMX club in Christchurch based in Hornby.
23. The club facilities were also damaged as a result of the earthquakes and the club were able to use temporary containers to operate. They no longer have the temporary containers that were on site to house a starters hut, a shop and a points hut. Additional damage was also sustained through vandalism, and from this they have been able to salvage the starting system.
24. The club is applying to this fund for the cost of a trailer to store its remaining equipment (starter's system, computer and compressor) and rakes, shovels, hoses etc securely. The trailer would allow the club to move the equipment between the track and a secure, offsite location. Staff have been advised that this is a viable solution to the ongoing security of essential club property and a grant of \$3,500 is recommended towards the costs of purchasing a trailer.

Riccarton Leagues Club - \$4,500 request

25. The Club building has received minor damage that is within the insurance excess of \$5,000 and so it cannot claim for the cost of these repairs. It has applied to the Fund for the cost of replastering and repainting cracks. The building is green stickered with the damage being primarily cosmetic. The club notes that the repairs are mostly being undertaken by paid tradespersons with some club members who are able to undertake work providing volunteer labour and providing invoices for materials. The Riccarton Leagues Club is the parent club for the codes of rugby league, softball and summer soccer. The club has no paid employees and is staffed by volunteers. The club advises that they will provide full accountability for any funds granted.
26. The club facility is fully operational and is in use four to five times per week. The club is working with Council staff covering the Riccarton / Wigram Community Board area to get other groups and community organisations to use the facilities during the day. The club advises that it has approximately 200 adult members and 200 child members. Adult members pay a subscription fee of \$135 per annum, of which \$5 goes to the club with the remainder going to the various sporting codes and their respective affiliation fees. Staff recommend a grant of \$4,500 for the purpose of undertaking the repairs.

Papanui Handiscope - \$1,000 request

27. This voluntary organisation has been assisting people disabled through accident or illness for 38 years. The group has been based at the Christchurch North Methodist Church, in Harewood Road. However, the church building has been closed due to the earthquakes with the group having to find an alternative venue.
28. Papanui Handiscope has approximately 36 members who pay \$2 per week to help with the costs of equipment, materials, rent and transport. There are 25 volunteers who assist with the meetings and driving members to and from the meeting venue. The volunteers who provide transport are reimbursed \$2 per trip and for two members living further away, \$20 per return trip.
29. Papanui Handiscope has been offered the use of St Lukes Presbyterian Church in Redwood, at a cost of approximately \$1,000 per annum. Its hire is for every Wednesday from 9.30am – 12 noon, with the exception of the third Wednesday of each month. Staff recommend a grant of \$1,000 for the hire of the new venue.

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Waimairi Tennis Club - \$10,490.55 request

30. The Waimairi Tennis Club suffered damage to court surfaces and land damage from the February 2011 earthquake and aftershocks. The club is seeking a grant to pay for geotechnical services and survey work undertaken by Tonkin and Taylor, who were instructed to survey and report on the extent of land damage and alternative methods of remediation.
31. The club has received an insurance payout for the damage to the courts. However, the insurance cover did not extend to the land remediation. The club was advised that the cost of remediation will significantly exceed the surface settlement received. The club advises that it has funded temporary court surface repairs, as a short term measure. In the meantime, it has banked its insurance proceeds as it considers its long term options and the expected funding shortfall as a separate matter.
32. The club's request is for the cost of the geotechnical study and the associated report which the club believes is fundamental to their rebuilding endeavours. The club believes that this cost cannot be met, as an extraordinary item, from member subscriptions. The club has 486 members. Staff recommend a grant of \$5,000.

Canterbury Charity Hospital - \$1,000,000 request

33. The Trust is setting up an earthquake counselling centre in a newly acquired building at 351 Harewood Road and is seeking \$1,000,000 contribution towards the establishment and continued delivery of services for community members suffering from and seeking recovery from post-earthquake stress and trauma. The time and expertise required to deliver services provided through the hospital is provided on a voluntary basis by doctors, nurses, technologists, counsellors and business professionals.
34. The services offered at the Canterbury Charity hospital are free of charge. From February 22 to the end of 2011 the hospital had 59 volunteers for the counselling service who had sessions with 986 patients, who were seen at 1,485 counselling sessions. Of this cohort, some 200 patients were seen two to three times each. Predicted volume in the new building is 70 patients per week with each patient being seen for approximately three sessions each. The counselling service are still receiving referrals into 2012 and predict this will continue as people come to terms with the impact the earthquakes and consequential issues and factors such as day-to-day matters and financial stress.
35. The need for counselling services was highlighted to the Trust by information and requests from a large number of counsellors, psychologists and doctors post 22 February. The Trust sought advice and noted the medium to long term requirement for on-going counselling services from the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes and aftershocks and now further compounded by the community trying to cope with the reality of losing homes, financial loss and altered life situations.
36. The Trust currently operates morning and afternoon counselling sessions, Monday to Friday, along its regular surgical and medical services. There are requests to run Saturday and evening sessions, but this is not able to be accommodated at the moment due to logistics of the building and conflicting surgical sessions.
37. The Trust advises that the first floor of the new building, plus a shared reception area is designed for the counselling service. This equates to 60 percent of the building. Facilities on the first floor consist of two consulting rooms, an office and a large group meeting room for group work, education and supervision, and refreshment and dining area. The Trust advises that the use of the first floor space will double their day time services and introduce an out of hours service. Staff recommend a grant of \$200,000 for the establishment of the counselling service.

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Earthquake Memorial - \$1,000,000 transfer

38. Donors wished to assist the City and community with the rebuild, recovery and hardship matters. A memorial is an identifiable symbol of the earthquakes. It will reflect the impact and the recovery for the city and the community from the loss of life, trauma and diminished community connections. The memorial will symbolise many things to different people and will be testimony to the remembrance, rebuilding and reconnection for the community. With the fund beginning to diminish, staff recommend that a transfer of \$1,000,000 be made to a separate fund for an earthquake memorial.

Transfer to Mayor's Welfare Earthquake Relief Fund - \$150,000 transfer

39. A donor has made a specific request that \$150,000 of their donation be transferred to the Mayor's Welfare Earthquake Relief Fund to support individuals and families. Staff recommend that a transfer of \$150,000 be made to the Mayor's Welfare Earthquake Relief Fund.

Application for grants recommended to decline

40. Staff recommend that the following request for a grant be declined:

The Sexual Abuse Survivors' Trust \$30,000

The Trust is now working from new premises after its original premises in Cashel Street were destroyed in the February earthquake. The Council has provided a \$10,000 Strengthening Communities Fund grant to the Trust's Safecare service in 2011/12. The Trust has applied for the cost of employing a Service Co-ordinator to oversee the Safecare service.

This application does not meet the criteria for the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund as it is not a rebuilding project. Staff recommend that the application is declined.

APPLICATIONS FUNDED BY THE CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE MAYORAL RELIEF FUND

ATTACHMENT 1

Date Application Form Received	Applicant	Type	Purpose Description	Amount Sought	Council Decision	Amount Approved
	CCC - City Environment	Organisation	Interment Site for the Unidentified Victims of the 22 February 2011 Christchurch Earthquake	\$170,000.00	Resolved 9 June 2011 Council meeting	\$170,000.00
9 June 2011	Hagley Golf Club Inc	Business	Operating costs	\$40,000.00	Resolved 9 June 2011 Council meeting	\$40,000.00
20 May 2011	The Tramway Historical Society Inc	Organisation	Building costs associated with housing of trams	\$49,700 1st installment and any shortfall up to \$39,761 2nd installment	Resolved 23 June 2011 Council meeting	\$49,700.00
24 May 2011	CCC - Central City Plan Project Team	Organisation	International Speakers Series and Event for Christchurch Professionals	\$300,000.00	Resolved 23 June 2011 Council meeting	\$300,000.00
1 July 2011	CCC	Organisation	Transfer of donations for individual wellbeing to the Mayor's Welfare Fund as per donor's request.	\$370,366.17	Resolved 28 July 2011 Council	\$370,366.17
1 July 2011	CCC - City Environment	Organisation	Council projects as agreed with Auckland City Council	\$1,500,000.00	Resolved 28 July 2011 Council meeting	\$1,500,000.00
4 July 2011	Sumner Urban Design Group (MC Architecture)	Group	The applicant is seeking funds for office and staffing costs to help support and continue Sumner's community-led master planning approach to help support and direct the recovery/rebuild.	\$149,800	Resolved 27 October 2011 Council meeting	\$13,350.00
4 August 2011	Halswell Hall Inc	Incorporated Society/Charitable Trust	The Trust is seeking funds to cover building repairs not covered by their insurance claim.	\$50,000.00	Resolved 27 October 2011 Council meeting	\$50,000.00
31 August 2011	Heathcote Cricket Club	Incorporated Society/Charitable Trust	Repairs to infrastructure	\$95,000.00	Resolved 24 November 2011 Council meeting	\$95,000.00
23 August 2011	Council of Social Services in Christchurch	Incorporated Society	Furniture storage	\$1,130.00	Resolved 24 November 2011 Council meeting	\$1,130.00
20 October 2011	Athletics Canterbury	Incorporated Society/Charitable Trust	Establishment of a new athletics facility at Rawhiti Domain replacing QEII	\$45,000.00	Resolved 8 December meeting	\$45,000.00
2 November 2011	Workingmens Club Lyttelton Inc	Incorporated Society	The applicant is seeking funds towards repairs to the Loons Theatre in Lyttelton.	\$345,380.00	Resolved 2 February 2012 Council Meeting	\$250,000.00
30 November 2011	CPIT Artbox	Informal Group	CPIT are seeking funds towards the costs of the 'Artbox' project proving workspace for displaced artists	\$80,000.00	Resolved 2 February 2012 Council Meeting	\$80,000.00
19 December 2011	CHART	Charitable Trust	CHART are seeking funds towards the cost to provide central music rehearsal space for musicians	\$180,000.00	Resolved 2 February 2012 Council Meeting	\$80,000.00
30 November 2011	Music Centre of Christchurch	Charitable Trust	Music Centre has incurred costs for planning a new music facility	\$69,270.00	Resolved 2 February 2012 Council Meeting	\$70,000.00
26 October 2011	Gordon Scout Group	Charitable Trust	The applicant is seeking funds towards a gap in funding between its insurance payout and the cost of new building standards which require additional fire precautions and improved disabled access.	\$3,500.00	Resolved 2 February 2012 Council Meeting	\$3,500.00
20 September 2011	The Court Theatre	Charitable Trust	Costs towards a temporary replacement theatre in Addington	\$1,000,000.00	Resolved 2 February 2012 Council Meeting	\$100,000.00
6 December 2011	Governors Bay Volunteer Fire Brigade	Other	The fire service has bought additional furniture for meetings displaced from the earthquake-damaged Community Hall.	\$6,000.00	Resolved 2 February 2012 Council Meeting	\$6,000.00