

**Community & Services Committee**  
**23 February 2017**

**Report for Agenda Item 5**

**Department: Corporate Services**

**Community Support and Grants**

**Purpose**

- 1 To ensure that the Community & Services Committee is fully informed of all current arrangements, in order to inform effective decision making ongoing. This report outlines QLDC's current community funding arrangements and direct financial community support.

**Recommendation**

- 2 That the Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note** the contents of this report.

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## Background

- 3 QLDC makes a significant financial contribution to the community through funding grants totalling \$1,986,501 (2016/17).
- 4 Roles within QLDC that currently have a specific community development focus include the Community and Events Facilitator and the Arts and Events Facilitator (the Events Team). These roles are responsible for managing community grants and events funding, community group relationships and liaison with external funders.
- 5 Regular meetings are held or contact made with the following community groups:
  - Queenstown Social Services Interagency Group
  - Wanaka Social Services Interagency Group
  - Local Management Group (Strengthening Families / Social Services)
  - LINK Upper Clutha
  - Catalyst Trust
  - Wakatipu Youth Trust
  - Kahu Youth Trust
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Downtown Queenstown
  - Queenstown Lakes District Arts Trust
  - Queenstown Art Society
  - Creative Queenstown
  - Cultural groups, e.g. Japanese Family Society, Filipino QAMPI association.
- 6 Regular meetings are held or contact made with the following funders and government agencies:
  - Central Lakes Trust
  - Community Trust of Southland
  - Otago Community Trust
  - Department of Internal Affairs
  - Ministry of Social Development
  - Ministry for Culture and Heritage
  - Creative New Zealand.

## Comment

### Community Grants

- 7 In 2016/17 Council funded the following grants:
  - \$679,513 - 31 community groups (including 14 community associations)
  - \$105,000 - Community projects proposed via the Annual Plan
  - \$315,000 - Economic Development Fund
  - \$170,888 - Film Liaison Programme
  - \$664,950 - Events Strategy Annual Funding
  - \$51,150 - Local Community Support for events (in-kind, available throughout the year).

- 8 All funding recipients are required to provide their annual financial reports to Council. Most of these recipients also have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Council which specifies additional KPIs. This delivers essential accountability given the extent of Council's investment in the community.
- 9 From the \$679,513 community group grant, the Community Associations each receive an annual grant of \$5,000. QLDC works with these groups to enable these communities to identify and deliver small, local projects or use the funding to seed larger projects.
- 10 From the \$679,513 community group grant, community groups with a social services focus use their grant to cover operational costs i.e. rent and administration. These groups are:
  - Happiness House
  - Wakatipu District Youth Trust
  - Kahu Youth Trust
  - Queenstown Lakes Family Trust (now merged with Jigsaw Central Lakes)
  - Alpine Community Trust
  - Affordable Housing Trust.
- 11 Also from the \$679,513 community group grant, community groups and projects with an environmental focus use their grant to cover operational costs i.e. rent, administration or maintenance materials. These groups/projects are:
  - \$50,000 - Queenstown Trails Trust
  - \$25,000 - Upper Clutha Tracks Trust
  - \$ 5,000 - Ruby Island Trust - ongoing maintenance at Ruby Island by volunteers
  - \$20,000 - Lagarosiphon Project - contribution towards a DOC managed project.
- 12 Similarly, the following community groups and projects with culture and heritage focus use their portion of the \$679,513 community grant for the purposes listed:
  - \$80,000 - Lakes District Museum - operational costs
  - \$50,000 - Queenstown Lakes District Arts Trust – this grant is used to purchase public art on behalf of the community.
  - \$25,582 - Heritage Incentive Grant – applications can be made to cover costs relating to resource consents, professional services and maintenance of heritage buildings and trees.
  - \$39,912 - Te Ao Marama - contract for services to support the relationship with local iwi, including consultation on the District Plan and determining the interests and view of the takata whenua on resource consent applications.
  - \$51,150 - Shaping our Future – operational costs. Shaping our Future aim to give every person in the community a voice in shaping the future of the district for future generations. This group is independent.

13 QLDC also manages the distribution of community funding on behalf of the following agencies:

- Creative Queenstown – distribution of Creative New Zealand funding allocated district community arts projects (\$26,349 in 2016/17).
- Sports New Zealand – distribution of Sports New Zealand Rural Travel Fund for community sports (\$12,992 in 2016/17).

14 All grants are revisited annually through the Long Term Plan / Annual Plan process.

### **Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws**

These matters are included in the relevant Annual and 10-Year Plans.

### **Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions**

15 The matters noted:

- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses by
- Can be implemented through current funding under the 10-Year Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

### **Consultation: Community Views and Preferences**

16 The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are all members of the Queenstown Lakes District community, including the residents/ratepayers, iwi, the business and/or iwi, or identify particular individuals or entities or a class or group of individuals or entities.

17 The Council consulted on the matters as appropriate at the point of the decision being made. The matters outlined are for noting only.