

LOTTERY COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

MISSION/TE WHAKATAKANGA The well-being of New Zealanders and their communities is enhanced.

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There are 11 regional committees, one national committee and two national subcommittees that consider applications for community projects.

These committees consider applications for developmental or preventative projects, welfare and support services, or projects that help to improve the well-being of people in the community.

In allocating funds for projects, community committee members look for projects that will contribute towards building strong, sustainable communities, through enhancing the social, cultural and economic well-being of New Zealand communities. The projects should encourage or enable: community self-reliance, capacity-building and stability, opportunities for social, civil or cultural participation, and reduce or overcome barriers to such participation.

Each regional committee has differing priorities within these objectives, taking into account their region's characteristics and needs.



NATIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Lottery National Community Committee considers applications for projects with a national focus, including national organisations and, in some cases, their regionally-based branches. There are also two subcommittees, the Individuals with Disabilities Subcommittee and the Pacific Provider Development Fund.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Te Tahua Hapori Ngā Whakaurunga

Bryan Jackson

Presiding Member

Committee Members

Bette Cuthbert

Amohaere Houkamau (until June 06)

Bryan Jackson

Ken Laban (from Sep 06)

Dr Nagalingam Rasalingam

Duncan Taylor

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2006/2007 Allocation	\$11,902,709
Brought forward from 2005/2006	\$95,141
Grants written back during 2006/2007	\$0
Grants refunded during 2006/2007	\$64,036
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	\$12,061,886
Total amount requested	\$23,897,499
Total amount approved	\$11,620,073
Percentage approved	48.6%
Applications	
Received	524
Considered	512
Approved	483
Percentage of applications approved	94%
Smallest approved grant	\$668
Average approved grant	\$24,058
Largest approved grant	\$446,000
Online applications	
2005/2006	365
2006/2007	415

PRESIDING MEMBER'S REPORT

The National Community Committee works to help the social and economic well-being of New Zealand communities to be enhanced.

Lottery Community considers applications for projects that encourage or enable community self-reliance, capacity building and stability, or opportunities for social, civil or cultural participation, and reducing or overcoming barriers to such participation.

Projects and events that are commonly funded by the Lottery National Community Committee include those that focus on:

- parents/family/whānau,
- youth development programmes,
- enhancing the quality of life of older people in the community,
- violence prevention,
- new migrants/refugees,
- people with long-term/significant disability or illness,
- people who are considered to be at-risk or disadvantaged.

Grants in Action

Some examples of projects the Committee has funded this year:

Diabetes Youth New Zealand: New Zealand has one of the highest rates of paediatric diabetics in the world. Type 1 is not curable and requires meticulous attention to diet and exercise, frequent self-testing and insulin injections. Diabetes Youth New Zealand received a \$16,100 combined grant for its branches based in Auckland, Christchurch, Manawatu, Taranaki and Wairarapa. The grant subsidised costs associated with a diverse range of camps, trips and activities. All activities are tailored to the needs of diabetic children, teenagers and their siblings, along with appropriate medical supervision and educational support to promote self-management of the condition.

The National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges (NCIWR): This is an umbrella organisation for 47 refuges around the country. Many of the Regional Lottery Community Committees contribute funding towards individual refuges for baseline operating costs.

The National Community Committee contributed \$111,620 towards service development positions and associated costs to assess risk, provide intervention and training to improve and progress all individual local collectives affiliated to NCIWR. This ongoing project contributes to the physical safety and well-being of women and children and gives them access to information and support that promotes a violence-free lifestyle.

Trends

There has been a significant increase in the number of applications considered by the Committee over the past three years. This year recorded the highest number of applications (524) to date. There is an annual increase of 100 additional community organisations to the national funding pool. This requires cost-effective and efficient methods to ensure funding equity is maintained. The Committee has continued to implement different methods

to cater for the funding needs of a structurally-diverse group of community organisations. Single applications from individual national organisations remain relatively static.

The substantial increase in applications has resulted from community organisations' preference for their national organisation and affiliated regional branches to be considered at the same time. This option provides an opportunity for national organisations to be assessed on a dual basis – both on national and local merit. Many groups are aligning their financial management structures towards centralised funding models, due to changes within the government contract sector.

The most favoured funding method amongst community organisations remains the bulk funding option. This is where a combined single application and grant accountability report replaces multiple regional applications and additional compliance. This option is not only cost-effective, but also administratively beneficial for both the groups and the Committee. This option is offered by the Committee to those organisations that have a single legal entity, operate multiple branches nationwide and are considered financially stable and well-managed. Examples include 174 Toy Libraries under a single Federation, 69 Victim Support organisations and 51 Parents' Centres. A number of organisations were trialled this year and an assessment will be made after one financial year as to whether this will continue.

The Committee notes with some concern the number of organisations in dire financial circumstances and/or those who have not complied with grant terms and conditions. In instances where groups have financial management issues, staggered funding instalments are made to strengthen both grant accountability and minimise risk.

As a result, community organisations were encouraged to strengthen relationships, improve collaboration and share resources. This helps to circumvent duplication of services and alleviate funding competitiveness within the sector.

Innovative programmes and/or models of care for disconnected or disadvantaged communities have been a recent focal point. The Committee welcomes applications from new groups, ethnic communities and seed funding initiatives.

Committee

During the year, Bette Cuthbert attended a community function on the North Shore in Auckland as a representative of the Committee, and Bryan Jackson attended the Wellington celebration of Alzheimer's New Zealand's 20th Anniversary.

I would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions made by Committee member Amohaere Houkamau and Chairperson Bryan Jackson who both resigned from the Committee during this year. Ken Laban joined the Committee for his first meeting in December 2006.



Duncan Taylor
On behalf of Bryan Jackson, Presiding Member
Lottery National Community Committee



LOTTERY COMMUNITY SUBCOMMITTEES

These two subcommittees consider applications for projects that fall within the following categories: Individuals with Disabilities (for people with mobility-related disabilities for the purchase of vehicles, scooters and other mobility equipment) and the Pacific Provider Development Fund (to strengthen Pacific community groups' ability to operate in an effective and accountable way, and to improve their access to funding from other Lottery committees).

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Te Komiti iti mo te Tangata Haua

Tony Howe

Presiding Member

Committee Members

Beverley Grammer

Tony Howe

Lynne Nicholl

Kaeti Rigarlsford

Ken Talbot

VISION To actively promote community inclusion by individuals with disabilities.

MISSION/TE WHAKATAKANGA The enhancement of quality of life of individuals with a disability.

KAUPAPA Lottery Individuals with Disabilities Subcommittee recognises the aspirations and needs of Māori and their protocols.

E whakatau ana Te Komiti iti mō te Tangata Hauā i ngā hiahia me ngā tūmanako o te Māori, me o rātou kawa

2006/2007 Allocation	\$6,036,794
Brought forward from 2005/2006	\$194
Grants written back during 2006/2007	\$554,435
Grants refunded during 2006/2007	\$39,548
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	\$6,630,971
Total amount requested	\$7,430,485
Total amount approved	\$4,495,845
Percentage approved	60.5%
Applications	
Received	964
Considered	848
Approved	545
Percentage of applications approved	64%
Smallest approved grant	\$85
Average approved grant	\$8,249
Largest approved grant	\$27,550
Online applications	
2005/2006	0
2006/2007	0



PRESIDING MEMBER'S REPORT

Lottery Individuals With Disabilities works to help maintain or increase community participation by individuals with disabilities.

The Subcommittee fully supports the vision of the New Zealand Disability Strategy for "A society that highly values our lives and encourages our full participation".

The emphasis continues to be on enabling people with disabilities to get out of their homes and participate in, and contribute to their community.

Through the provision of grants for vehicles and mobility equipment, the Subcommittee:

- provides people who would otherwise be unable to leave their homes with the means to gain access to, and contribute to the community at large,
- provides much greater mobility and independence for older people, enabling them to live independently in their own homes for much longer rather than having to move into rest homes,
- through the provision of grants for wheelchair hoists, prevents serious back injuries to full-time caregivers faced with repetitive transfers to and from a vehicle,
- contributes to the preservation of relationships by helping to ease dependency on a partner,
- contributes to the achievement or maintenance of financial independence through the provision of transport,
- improves the quality of life for both grant recipients and their families.

It also provides grants for equipment to facilitate interactive communication, but receives only a few applications for these items.

Trends

There were 848 applications considered in the 2006/2007 financial year, with grants provided to 545 (64.2%) of these.

Scooters	312
Vehicles only	61
Vehicles & modifications	119
Vehicle modifications only	19
Other mobility (power & manual wheelchairs, tricycles etc)	20
Communications	3
Miscellaneous	11

The demand from applicants continues to be much higher than the Subcommittee can possibly hope to meet with the funds it has available to distribute. Over the past three years, the numbers of applications have been steadily increasing.

Large numbers of applications for mobility scooter grants are being received from older people who wish to remain independent and active within their communities. With an ever-increasing aging population in New Zealand, the Subcommittee expects that even more support will be required in this area in the future.

Many of our applicants live outside the main metropolitan centres in smaller towns, rural areas or in beach communities where the cost of living is low and therefore affordable for them. These people are significantly disadvantaged because of the almost total absence of public transport in these areas let alone suitably-modified transport. In such cases there is a very genuine need for mobility scooters and a pressing need for suitably-modified vehicles to facilitate travel to main centres.

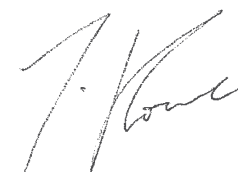
There is also the added pressure from families who require grants for high-cost items such as vans with wheelchair hoists so that family members with high needs can continue to live in their homes and be included in family and community activities.

The ever-rising cost of vehicles, vehicle modifications and other equipment will continue to create additional pressures on funds as the Subcommittee grapples with the need to increase its maximum grant levels so grant recipients can obtain what they need.

Committee

This year, the Subcommittee again held six meetings at two monthly intervals to distribute its funds. Holding regular meetings helps to ensure that our applicants do not have to wait too long to find out the outcomes of their applications.

In September last year one of our Subcommittee members, Lynne Nicholl, completed the Central Otago Rail Trail on her mobility scooter. The ride was a great effort and received some very good publicity including prime time news coverage on national television. Lynne is a great example of what a person with a significant mobility-related disability can do if they have the means to be mobile.



Tony Howe
Presiding Member
Individuals with Disabilities Subcommittee

PACIFIC PROVIDER DEVELOPMENT FUND SUBCOMMITTEE



Peta Si'ulepa
Presiding Member

Committee Members

Taima Fagaloa
Unaisi Raleqe
Peta Si'ulepa
Debbie Sorensen

2006/2007 Allocation	\$355,483
Brought forward from 2005/2006	\$771
Grants written back during 2006/2007	\$22,451
Grants refunded during 2006/2007	\$0
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	\$378,705
Total amount requested	\$440,000
Total amount approved	\$314,877
Percentage approved	\$71.6%
Applications	
Received	61
Considered	44
Approved	40
Percentage of applications approved	91%
Smallest approved grant	\$1,910
Average approved grant	\$7,872
Largest approved grant	\$10,000
Online applications	
2005/2006	
2006/2007	0

PRESIDING MEMBER'S REPORT

This Subcommittee aims to enhance the well-being of Pacific communities within New Zealand.

The priority of the Pacific Provider Development Fund (PPDF) is to strengthen Pacific community groups' ability to operate in an effective and accountable way and to improve their access to funding from other Lottery committees.

The Subcommittee considers applications from Pacific community groups wanting to strengthen their organisations' capability and capacity. Priority is given to:

- new Lottery applicants (those who have never applied for Lottery support and who may not have applied to other funders either),
- applicants who have been declined in the past by Lottery Committees due to insufficient management, governance and financial systems,
- applicants who have received marginal Lottery support in the past (the funds they were granted were relatively small or a long time ago),
- applicants who demonstrate the potential to benefit most from the assistance the PPDF can provide and who can go on to be in a position to successfully apply for grants from other Lottery committees, particularly Lottery Community.

Trends

The Committee was able to award 40 grants totalling \$314,877. Almost 75% (35) of the applications were new clients to PPDF with the other 25% (9) clients who had returned to complete training as specified in their development plans.

A needs assessment and a development plan were again undertaken for each group, allowing accurate determination of the type of assistance to best target particular training requirements. The specific training development needs for which most of the assistance was approved were:

- governance,
- vision and mission,
- financial management.

More than 50% (24) of the applications received in the 2006/2007 year were from Auckland.

Applications were received from the seven main Pacific groups: Samoan, Tongan, Cook Islander, Niuean, Fijian, Tokelauan, Tuvaluan.

Subcommittee

This year, the Subcommittee again held one meeting to distribute its funds.



Peta Si'ulepa
Presiding Member
Lottery Pacific Provider Development Fund Subcommittee

