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Subject: Te Rau Recovery Fund paper
Date: Wednesday 26 July 2023 6:08:38 PM
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[Recovery Fund draft paper 260723.docx](#)

Unmarked up copy attached. Thanks S7(2)

Ngā manaakitanga

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Area Programme Manager – Auckland Region
New Zealand Disaster Fund – Special Appeal
(Tuesday to Friday)

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Subject: RE: Draft Recovery Fund paper

Hi S7(2)(a)

All accepted. Thank you!

S7(2)(f) the evening

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Kia ora S7(2)

A few more finicky changes that I hope you will consider and return to us once accepted. I have included the Salvation Army as another referrer. I think they see a lot of need.

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Kia ora S7(2) and S7(2)

Thanks again for the changes and comments on the paper that you sent through yesterday and for meeting earlier.

I have made some further changes after our chat and attached is the latest version which I hope you are able to use as the basis for your paper to ELT. Please let me know if I have missed anything. Some notes

- I have left a couple of comments in that relate to me getting approval from Linda which I should have on Friday
- I will also confirm our internal process for approval of the fund. Let me know if your CEO/GM need to meet with Council representatives prior to approval by your Board
- I've added City Mission as a possible referring community partner and that they will be finalised once the fund is approved by Red Cross and Council. It might be an idea to take out the process part when sending it to Helen as I don't think this is relevant and probably a bit operational as it is an internal Council process

Ngā mihi nui

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Kia ora S7(2)

Changes and comments from S7(2) and me in this attached version. Given I am on leave for a fortnight from Friday should we meet this week to progress this?

Ngā manaakitanga

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Kia ora S7(2)(a) P

Thanks for your time this morning and your great suggestions for the Recovery Fund (would be good to come up with a better name).

As discussed attached is my draft paper outlining where we are at in terms of criteria non-contestable amounts referrals and process. Please send through any thoughts and changes that you may have for this (there are some question marks and xx to fill in) or let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Ngā manaakitanga

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Tāmaki Makaurau Recovery Office is coordinating the recovery efforts on behalf of the Auckland Council Group, New Zealand government and partners, following the extreme weather events in early 2023.

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Disaster Relief Fund – Recovery Round One

Background

During the response period of the weather events in January and February 2023 a Disaster Relief Fund (Mayoral Fund) was setup to provide immediate financial support to whānau who were impacted. An amount of just over \$2Million was raised and the majority has now been donated for a variety of needs including food, household items, school uniforms and cars. The average amount paid to applicants was \$1,600.

Applicants had to complete an online SmartyGrants application form that was assessed before a decision to fund or not was made. If it was approved the applicant would then need to be setup in Council's procurement system as a Vendor before the payment could be released.

There is a remaining amount in the region of \$65,000 that, in the first instance, is being proposed to be put into a non-contestable fund along with approximately \$2Million from the Red Cross Disaster Fund (to be approved by its Board).

Proposed Recovery Fund

The response phase of the emergency has now moved to recovery, however, there remains a lot of uncertainty for many whānau across Tāmaki Makaurau. We are aware that many weren't insured at all or under insured meaning that they are having to find ways to purchase damaged household items including furniture and cars. This on top of the cost-of-living increase is providing significant distress for some whānau.

It is proposed that the Recovery Fund would provide assistance on a one-off basis in extraordinary circumstances, where real need can be shown. This would be a non-contestable fund and referrals would only come through the recently established Auckland Council Housing Support Service (Housing Support Service) and other community organisations working with distressed community members.

The fund is a last resort measure when people have exhausted other appropriate sources such as Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ), the Rural Support Trust, EQC, and other government agencies.

Priority will be given to provision of:

- Essential items/essentials of daily life (e.g. food, accommodation, utilities) not covered by insurance or other funds (such as WINZ, EQC and recently advised rental relief package);
- Extra financial burden (including significant loss of income), costs due to the weather events not covered by insurance or other funds; and
- Family or personal crises, support for which is not covered by insurance, another agency or fund (such as MSD).

The aim is that these grants go some way towards helping alleviate the emotional and financial stress experienced by individuals, couples and families due to the weather events.

Funds being allocated will need to align with the NZRC Disaster Fund criteria (if the \$2Million is donated), specifically:

- Costs being incurred by those supporting the basic needs of people impacted by the recent severe weather events and Cyclone Gabrielle. For example, providing people with temporary accommodation, food or water, or supporting community clean-up efforts.
- Support for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene restoration but not building repairs.
- Hardship Grants determined by Community Organisations to support personal expenses and clean up.

Note - Applicants who meet the criteria and vulnerability guidelines for Red Cross Home Bundles can be referred to NZRC. If an applicant has received or will receive a Red Cross Home Bundle, it does not preclude them from being considered for this hardship grant.

Community Partners

- Referrals would come through interactions from the Housing Support Service or from partner Community Organisations e.g. [REDACTED] Temporary Accommodation Services, s7(2)(c)(ii) obligation of confidence [REDACTED], based on their assessment that the applicant is suffering significant financial hardship. Partner organisations will be confirmed once the fund is approved by the Red Cross and Council.

Criteria:

To be eligible, a few basic criteria will need to be met:

1. Non or under insured whānau
2. Not received funding for this request previously
3. Exhausted all other funding avenues
4. Resident of Tāmaki Makaurau at the time of the flood
5. Able to prove need through relationship and conversation with the Housing Support Service representative.

The below are to be taken into consideration but are not mandatory:

6. Placard on the house
7. Health
8. Age
9. Disability
10. Infant Children
11. Low income

Funds will not be used for: rent arrears (landlord), non-water or sanitation repairs or property upgrades

Equity

To create equity for a non-contestable fund set amounts will be paid:

- \$500 towards utilities and everyday needs (Doctor fees, food, etc)

Payments towards goods and services (including rent, appliances, carpets, etc)

- \$1000
- \$2000
- In exceptional circumstances amounts of more than \$2000 may be considered. These would need to be approved by the Manager of the Housing Support Service and supporting evidence required such as quotes, invoices, letters of support from referring agencies.

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Kia ora S7(2)(f) and S7(2)(f)

I'm delighted to advise that the New Zealand Red Cross Board have approved the request for the \$2million grant to the Auckland City Council for the Relief Fund.

I'd like to thank S7(2)(f) and S7(2)(f) for their work in pulling the proposal together and bringing the vision to life. There will be many vulnerable people who's lives will be made just a little bit easier as a result.

S7(2)(f) can you please let me know the Council's Account number and I will arrange for our accounting team to deposit the funds.

Congratulations.

Ngā mihi

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14 August 2023

Kia ora Phil

Application (R692023) Auckland Council Disaster Relief Fund

Thank you for applying for a contribution from the New Zealand Red Cross Disaster Fund on behalf of Auckland Council. The information you have provided is aligned with the principles and criteria established for our Fund.

I am delighted on behalf of New Zealand Red Cross to advise a contribution of \$2,000,000 from the New Zealand Disaster Fund has been approved. The funding will ensure Auckland Council can provide hardship support to vulnerable people within your communities.

We require that Auckland Council agree:

- that New Zealand Red Cross can publish that the grant has been made to the Council for the approved purpose; and
- agree to provide quarterly updates to New Zealand Red Cross for the purpose of our communicating with the public about the use of the fund.

After the activity has concluded we'd ask that the Council complete an impact report when the grant has been fully spent, within 12 months after the grant application has been approved, or upon request by NZRC, whichever comes first.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please email planning@redcross.org.nz

We hope this significant boost to the Auckland Disaster Relief Fund will be able to provide tangible support to those most vulnerable and/or facing considerable hardship following the severe weather events earlier this year.

Ngā mihi nui



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Secretary General