

Marae Development Fund Policy

Introduction

Under the Local Government Act 2002, Hastings District Council (Council) is obliged to consider how it will meet current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure and how it can foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of Council.

This Policy will contribute to that purpose by supporting the ability of mana whenua and hapū in the district to engage with Council, and to maintain appropriate infrastructure for their communities in a cost-effective and efficient way.

Mana whenua and hapū, through whakapapa as ahikā in Heretaunga, are responsible for Marae preservation, maintenance and development.

The Marae Development Fund is one mechanism of Council's commitment to respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua with respect to Marae; benefitting marae hapū, and the district. The Marae Development Fund will contribute to the protection of the culture and heritage embodied in Marae facilities and relationships, critical to community infrastructure and the ability to exercise whanaungatanga and manaakitanga.

Council also acknowledges Marae as a social asset for the community as a whole, under the rangatiratanga of mana whenua and or of 'Ngā hau e whā' (Mātaawaka) where that occurs.

The policy and procedures for the operation of the Marae Development Fund are as follows.

The Fund

The Council's Long Term Plan contains an annual funding allocation base of \$75,000.

The Fund is administered by the Pou Ahurea Matua and Pou Ahurea (Principal Advisor / Advisor Relationships, Responsiveness and Heritage) at Council, with oversight from the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee. The Council Parks and Building Projects Officer also supports the administration of the fund.

The objectives and levels of funding are determined by considering identified issues that affect the Marae in the district. The initial objectives will target Health and Safety matters, including fire and earthquakes. The assessments will be used to obtain quotes based on expert information that takes into account the specifications of each task and to allocate funding to a schedule of works to address needs in a coordinated manner. In these cases a signed agreement will be produced between respective Marae trusts and Council to deliver building services, and or the installation of

specialized equipment to meet compliance, under the project management and oversight of Council.

Eligibility for the Fund

To be eligible for the Fund, the applicant Marae will:

- i. Be a Marae within the Hastings district.
- ii. Be governed by a charter under Te Ture Whenua Act 1993 administered by the Māori Land Court.
- iii. Have the capacity to make the required contribution to the cost of the work to be carried out.
- iv. Deposit the Marae contribution to Council for the work before equipment is ordered and or before works and services commence.
- v. Agree to Council's support in funding coordination, project management and oversight, including coordination between the building services and any suppliers.
- vi. Submit all invoices for services, materials and equipment by contractors and suppliers to Council to be approved based on inspection to confirm that the work is of the correct standard.

General information

Council is taking a strategic approach to Marae development and so all enquiries are welcomed from all Marae constituents on any Marae development issue. Advice is available as to the process required to benefit from this policy.

This policy is dynamic and will apply to the issues that are identified through ongoing Council strategic processes as affecting Marae. In each round prioritization, decisions will consider the capacity of a Marae to engage with the policy, and what Council may need to consider doing to enhance the capacity of Marae to engage with the policy.

Final approval is given by the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee based on a schedule of tasks and the costings for work to be funded under the policy.

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