RESERVES CONTRIBUTIONS CONTESTABLE FUND

Policy

Reserve Contributions (use of) Policy

Eligibility Criteria

When accessing proposals for the use of the reserve contributions, Council will have regard for the following criteria:

- 1) Creating public open spaces (including recreation areas, visual buffers and amenity areas)
- 2) Adding capacity to or otherwise enhancing existing public open spaces (including recreation areas, visual buffers and amenity areas). This can include (but not limited to):
 - Bringing existing reserves up to a minimum standard for public use e.g. supplying public toilets in recreation areas;
 - Landscaping; and
 - Providing equipment e.g. seats, barbeques, playgrounds.
- 3) Giving public access to coastal areas, reserves, bush areas or areas of special character, this is typically through:
 - The development of walking tracks; and
 - The public purchase of land that connects two public areas otherwise not accessible to the public.
- 4) Within each catchment, consideration will be given to the amount of funds collected in the locality of a proposed project. The district has been divided into four catchment areas Dargaville and Surrounds; Maungaturoto, Paparoa, Tinopai and surrounds; Kaiwaka and surrounds; Mangawhai and surrounds. The catchment areas are depicted in *Appendix 1*.
- 5) Consideration will be given to projects that add amenity to the parks and reserves that are lacking in amenities.

All allocations will be judged against their fit with these criteria. The fund will not be used for normal asset management (maintenance, repairs or renewals).

Criteria for Contestable Funding Applicants

- Applications will be called for annually each year providing sufficient funds have accumulated in the catchment area.
- With the exception of the Council applications, all applicants:
 - must be a legally constituted Not-For-Profit entity or have another community organisation who fits this criteria umbrella them;
 - o have a volunteer component i.e. through labour or business in kind or donated goods;
 - provide reviewed or audited Statement of Financial position for the previous year and a budget projection for the next financial year.
- Community organisations who receive central government funding may also be considered for grants.
- All applicants:
 - must comply with all Health and Safety Legislative and Council requirements refer to Business Plan template for details
 - o Provide a detailed Business Plan.
- Applications will be considered by the Reserve Contributions Committee who will make recommendations to the full Council for approval.
- All decisions on whether and how to distribute the funds will be at the sole discretion of the Council and are final.
- Successful applicants will be required to enter into an Agreement or Contract for Service with Council that outlines the terms and conditions of approved assistance.
- Funds will not be provided until both parties have signed the Agreement or Contract for Service.

Exceptions - Central Government Agencies are not eligible to apply for funding.

Reserve Contributions Catchment



