

From: lgoima
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Waterfront PGF application
Date: Monday, 15 April 2019 11:23:00 a.m.
Attachments: [Report to council with consultation feedback.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email below. The Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) application process is a competitive process and the information contained in the report is commercially sensitive. You will appreciate that a decision on the application has not yet been made.

Once the outcome of the application is known, we will review the information with a view to making it publicly available, along with any necessary redactions. I will ensure that a copy is provided to you at that time.

With respect to your questions 1 to 3 below, I advise that your request is being declined under section 7(2)(h) of the LGOIMA, to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities, under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the LGOIMA, would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information, and under section 7(2)(i) of the LGOIMA, enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

With respect to what consultation has been done, I attach for your information a report to Council with a summary of the feedback received at the time of the 10 year plan.

I do note that MBIE has indicated that the Provincial Development Unit will be proactively releasing information related to Provincial Growth Fund applications, and that some documents relating to our project may be within scope for release. The Minister for Regional Economic Development is currently reviewing the documents and if released, will be provided on the Grow Regions website. To date, nothing has been released but you may wish to monitor this web site to see what if anything will be released.

As we have declined to provide the information requested, you are advised that you have the right to have this decision reviewed by the Office of the Ombudsman (0800 802 602) or e-mail: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Kind regards
Sharon

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 13 March 2019 1:52 p.m.
To: Official Information <officialinformation@oa.dcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Sharon Bodeker <Sharon.Bodeker@dcc.govt.nz>; Sue Bidrose <Sue.Bidrose@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Waterfront PGF application

I see that it will now be some time before the PGF will have processed the application I have

been inquiring about.

Could you answer some particular questions please meantime.

- i. (1) What is the total amount applied for?
- (2) Loosely what does it cover? Eg works relating to the wharves, any actual buildings, roading, professional fees or whatever else you can tell me.
- (3) How many jobs was the money applied for intended to create?
- (4) what consultation has been done and with what outcome?

Cheers,



COMMUNITY AND PLANNING - SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Department: Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 The purpose of this report is to summarise the community feedback received on projects and plans related to the Community and Planning Group, and includes the following activities:

- City development
- Community development and events
- Resource consents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- a) **Considers** the funding requests including: the Refugee Resettlement Programme; ring-fencing of \$95,000 from the city service /city project fund to support professional theatre activity within the city; and increasing the funding for events and festivals of \$50,000 per annum.
- b) **Considers** the feedback from the community on projects and plans related to the Community and Planning Group.

FUNDING REQUESTS

2 The following requests for funding were received, and are currently not included in the draft budgets. As a guide, an addition of \$138k of operating expenditure would add approximately 0.1% to the 7.3% average rate increase proposed in the first year of the draft 10 year plan.

Organisation/s	Amount sought in 2018/19
Refugee resettlement programme (644613): Continued support for translation, interpreters, assistance with finding employment, establishing a base for the programme to operate from and staff to assist refugees with social integration. Funding to improve access to Arabic interpreters is most important. Total requirement is \$480K per annum, although the council is not being asked for all of this. However the DCC should take a central role in coordination and be willing to step up if	\$200k

<p>other funding sources fail.</p> <p>The submitters ask that \$200K be added to Community and Planning budget to support the Refugee Support Programme.</p>	
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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- 3 There were 307 submissions/comments specifically tagged to projects and plans related to the Community and Planning Group. There may have been more references on these topics included in other submissions, and therefore the number of comments for each topic is indicative only and this report provides a general summary of the community feedback received.

Waterfront vision

- 4 There were 173 comments relating to the waterfront vision.
- 5 Submissions generally supported the waterfront vision and commented on the opportunities for economic, tourism, and recreational growth. They commented on the forward-thinking vision, connection between city and harbour and the positive public space and development it would provide.
- 6 There was some concern about the cost and affordability of the vision. The funding of the implementation of the vision, is addressed in the report on the City to Waterfront Bridge connection. It is intended to be met by private investment, with central government funding being sought for the enabling infrastructure.
- 7 Others questioned whether the area is suitable for development of this scale given: the cold windy environment; that the wharves are built on reclaimed land; and in light of predicted sea level rise. Concern was also raised about the development taking business from existing retailers and businesses in the CBD and that development could push the industrial sector out of the waterfront area.
- 8 Several submissions were concerned about the design of the harbour vision and some suggested that the design does not suit Dunedin's character and heritage.

Urban development and design

- 9 There were 41 comments relating to urban development and design.
- 10 A wide range of areas were proposed for urban design improvements in the central city, warehouse precinct, waterfront exchange square, Port Chalmers, Green Island and South Dunedin. Some submissions suggested that more destinations and social hubs like St Clair should be created.
- 11 Other comments were focused on how areas should be designed and ideas included: use Gothic revival style in designs; more pedestrian only areas along George Street / Octagon; to focus design on residents over visitors; no more pavers as not suitable for wheelchairs; and more historic style rather than modern design.
- 12 Submissions also recommended that the Council includes good community engagement in design. Kāi Tahu sees itself as both a partner and participant in the development of the city, and would like to see local Rūnaka culture, including the Te Reo language and a shared narrative informing urban development and design.

Community development – grants and support

- 13 There were 20 comments relating to community development grants and support.
- 14 There were a number of requests for increased community and arts funding to support groups across the city. Current funding provided to the community and arts groups every year includes:
- \$1.8 million via rates relief and grants (community , city service / city project, small projects, neighbourhood matching, home insulation, landfill and community arts grants)
 - \$540K to support community, premier and major events
 - \$180K in Electricity Consumer grants to mitigate fuel poverty
 - Council also administers the Creative Communities and Puaka Matariki grants funds which account for \$100K per year.
- 15 All current grant funds are oversubscribed, some by 100%.
- 16 In 2016/17 and 2017/18, the Council granted the Fortune Theatre \$95k from the City Service/City Project fund. With the recent closure of the Fortune Theatre, the Council may want to consider ring fencing \$95k from the City Service/City Project fund to “support professional theatre activity within the city” in 2018/19. The process around allocating the ring fenced funding would need to be determined.

Heritage

- 17 There were 19 comments relating to heritage.
- 18 Submissions generally supported protecting heritage in Dunedin and some requested an increase to the Dunedin Heritage Fund. Particular areas of interest included heritage buildings South of Octagon Exchange / Lower Rattray; Cargill's Castle; the cable car project; and establishing a Residential Heritage Steering Group.
- 19 One submitter was concerned that heritage protection limited the reuse of buildings and that concern around the appearance of heritage buildings needed to be balanced with their economic future.

Community development

- 20 There were 18 comments relating to community development.
- 21 Submissions raised a range of matters including homelessness within Dunedin; social supports; disability and accessibility issues; communication with the South Dunedin community; youth engagement; links between migrants and the welcoming and retention of these migrants; and the Welcoming Communities pilot from MBIE.
- 22 Community Development staff work with other Council departments to ensure that the needs of all ‘vulnerable’ groups e.g. migrants, youth, older people, people with disabilities, people on low incomes are considered in Council planning and services.

District Plan and resource management

- 23 There were 13 comments received relating to the District Plan and Resource Management Act.
- 24 Submissions commented on a range of planning matters including: development being built on raised platforms in flood prone areas; support for tiny houses, co-op housing

and similar in plan rules; preventing demolition by neglect and improving heritage buildings; quality of student housing; protecting high class soils from suburban expansions; and climate change. Some of the submissions relate to operational matters and have been noted by staff.

- 25 The proposed second generation District Plan was notified in 2015, hearings have been held and decisions are scheduled to be released in September 2018.

Housing - general

- 26 There were 11 comments relating to housing.
- 27 Submissions highlighted the needs of homeless people within the city and the need for affordable rental housing.
- 28 The Council has recognised the need for increased numbers of social, emergency, healthy and affordable housing within the city. Through the Mayor's Taskforce for Housing long term options for housing to achieve the city's community outcomes related to housing, will be considered. Recommendations will then be made by this cross-sector group to Council and other key stakeholders within the housing sector.

Events

- 29 There were six comments relating to events.
- 30 Submitters supported more concerts at the Forsyth Barr Stadium, more places to host events around the city, and more festivals and events. Pasifika representatives requested an event that reflects their culture and Community Development and Events staff have offered to meet with them to discuss this further. The Council's recently adopted Festivals and Events Plan 2018 – 2023 sets out the way in which the DCC and other stakeholders will enhance events within the city.
- 31 Public consultation on the Festivals and Events Plan 2018 – 2023 resulted in a number of requests for increased funding within this area. Event organisers cited concerns around grants not keeping pace with the rising costs of organising quality festivals and events which showcase Dunedin. DCC grant funding for festivals and events has only increased through CPI in the past five years. However, costs for event organisers in wages, venue hire, and technical expertise have increased well beyond this. A review of the Grants Policy 2015 is currently underway and this feedback will be included within the review.
- 32 Festivals and events organisers requested multi-year grant funding. The Community and Culture Committee adopted the Festivals and Events Plan 2018-2023 on 17 April 2018, where it was agreed that staff would prepare a request for additional funding as part of the 10 year plan deliberations. As a result, staff now recommend that the Council consider increasing the grant funding for events by \$50k per annum. Funding would be spread across the three contestable events areas: premier (\$10k), major community (\$30k) and local events (\$10k).

Warehouse Precinct

- 33 There were three comments relating to the Warehouse Precinct. There is \$1.4 million included in the draft Community and Planning capital budget for Warehouse Precinct upgrades in the first year of the 10 year plan.
- 34 Two submissions supported investment in the inner city area and places like the warehouse precinct/waterfront, and creating good transport links to get people there and more high density housing in these areas. One submission questioned investment in Vogel Street and suggested Lower Rattray Street should be a priority, but with improvements paid for by property owners.

Youth engagement

- 35 There were three comments relating to youth engagement.
- 36 The need to engage with young people is noted and endorsed. The Dunedin Youth Council took an active role in supporting engagement for the 10 year plan. Both this group and the Youth Action Committee are keen to continue to engage with young people on behalf of Council and represent the youth voice to staff and Councillors. Members of both groups and Community Development staff have been involved in developing a Youth Vision and Charter with wider community organisations. A report on this will be provided to Council within the next few months.

NEXT STEPS

- 37 The level of funding determined by the Council for the Community and Planning Group will be included in the final 10 year plan.

Signatories

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

This report enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities; and meets the current and future needs of the Dunedin communities for good quality public services and regulatory functions in a way that is most cost effective for households and businesses.

Fit with strategic framework

	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts and Culture Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Waters Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spatial Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated Transport Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks and Recreation Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other strategic projects/policies/plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The activities of the Community and Planning Group primarily contribute to the objectives and priorities of the above strategies.

Māori Impact Statement

There are no known impacts for tangata whenua.

Sustainability

Major issues and implications for sustainability will be discussed and considered in the 50 year Infrastructure Strategy and financial resilience is discussed in the Financial Strategy.

10 year plan/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastructure Strategy

These considerations are the subject of the report.

Financial considerations

The financial considerations are detailed in the report.

Significance

The report informs 10 year plan deliberations and a full formal consultation has been undertaken.

Engagement – external

Community feedback on the Community and Planning Group has been summarised in the report.

Engagement - internal

Staff and managers from across the Council have been involved in the analysis of the community feedback.

Risks: Legal / Health and Safety etc.

There are no known risks.

Conflict of Interest

There are no known conflicts of interest.

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS
<i>Community Boards</i> Community Boards may be interested in this report.