

19 June 2019



Dear 

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request for information relating to the DCC granting \$30,000 of ratepayer funds to Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust

I am writing in response to your request made on 21 May 2019 asking for information relating to the DCC granting \$30,000 of ratepayer funds to Scott Willis/Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust (BRCT) for a feasibility study to be undertaken around the development of a 'carbon zero' walking track 'Mihiwaka'.

I advise that the BRCT has not received any funding from the DCC towards a 'carbon zero' walking track 'Mihiwaka'.

The BRCT did apply for \$51,490.00 of funding for the following key activities:

- Work on healthy housing and climate safe housing, including working through property transfer options, standard designs, land use, land options and the second-generation district plan.
- Work to build food sovereignty while actively supporting the replenishment of our natural commons (i.e. ensuring healthy river systems with an increase in aquatic life not degraded through agricultural practices or over fishing).
- Work to establish local energy supply to support resilience and a localised grid to enable us to keep the lights on in a disaster or restart from a black-out situation.
- Manage waste well and with innovative technology, to maintain a healthy environment and look for ways to create a more secure water supply (i.e. through supporting rainwater collection, re-establishing local water supplies with microfilter technology, evaluation of quality of emergency water supplies)
- Assist the development of local business and social enterprise to develop resources for increased community action and greater autonomy.

The Grants Subcommittee granted the group funding of \$31,406.00. The DCC Place Based Community Grant assists the BRCT to help fund the operating expenses of the project to build partnerships (salary for additional staff) and collaborate locally to build resilience (including food, water, shelter and adverse event resilience) and increase recreational opportunities. This grant was not intended to fund community emergency preparedness activity like Community Response Plan preparation and associated work.

The original application was considered at the Grants Subcommittee – Place Based Community Grants Meeting held on the 26 September 2018. That application was declined, and DCC staff were asked to engage with the Blueskin area to facilitate a whole of community approach to place based community development with the Runaka and groups within the area.

The BRCT appealed this decision which was then reconsidered at the Grants Subcommittee Appeal Meeting held 23 October 2018. At this meeting the grant of \$31,406.00 was awarded.

Below are the links to the agenda which has the appeal documentation provided and the minutes of the meeting:

Agenda:

https://infocouncil.dunedin.govt.nz/Open/2018/10/GS_20181023_AGN_1009_AT.PDF

Minutes:

https://infocouncil.dunedin.govt.nz/Open/2018/10/GS_20181023_MIN_1009.PDF

I trust this answers your request.

Yours faithfully

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Rebecca Murray
Governance Support Officer