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CDEM Resilience Fund

1. Purpose

To request the Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) to decide which projects will be approved for funding from the Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management's (Ministry of CDEM) Resilience Fund.

2. Background

Since 1966 the government has made \$1 million per year available as a subsidy to local authorities for the support and development of their respective civil defence capabilities.

Up to now the Ministry of CDEM has overseen the annual distribution of these funds to all local authorities on a pro rata basis (based on a percentage of their total civil defence emergency management operations expenditure).

Following a recent review of the allocation of the subsidy, it was found that this approach was delivering poor value for money and on that basis the Minister of Civil Defence agreed that the subsidy should be replaced with a contestable fund (resilience fund) process.

The funds allocated will now be directed towards local authority led projects that demonstrate a contribution towards resilience and address identified sector priorities. The goal is to ensure the allocation provides maximum value towards enhancing resilience, achieves a more strategic focus, and encourages collaboration across the CDEM Groups and local authorities.

The Ministry will monitor the delivery of the projects and support collaboration across local authorities and CDEM Groups in undertaking projects.

3. Determining priorities

To determine the priorities for the allocation of the CDEM Resilience Fund, a forum of the 16 Chairs of the Coordinating Executive Groups (CEG) will be established. This forum will be held in October 2010 to enable the CEG chairs to discuss possible priorities and areas for collaboration for the 2011/12 financial year and onwards. It will provide the opportunity to discuss the strategic challenges facing CDEM across the nation and provide the opportunity for the CDEM Groups to discuss areas of possible cooperation.

CEG chairs will be contacted by the Director of CDEM directly to discuss their attendance at this forum.

Once the forum of CEG Chairs has determined the priorities for the forthcoming round of the fund, they will be communicated to all local authorities and the CDEM Group offices to enable the early development of proposals. An independent evaluation committee will review the proposals against the criteria established by the CEG Chair Forum. It will also investigate the possible mergers of proposals to enhance collaboration and maximise the benefit gained.

The evaluation committee will consist of members of CDEM partner agencies.

4. Transitional arrangements for 2010/2011

It is envisaged that the full CDEM Resilience Fund process will operate for the allocation of funds in the 2011/12 financial year. The extended timeframe for the process of selection cannot be implemented for this financial year and a transitional arrangement will be required for 2010/11.

Local authorities were therefore requested to apply for funding for projects in the CDEM area by 10 October 2010. No strategic priorities will be set for this financial year to rank the applications. The evaluation committee will also not seek to merge or link similar projects in this round. Proposals can be supported by a multiple of local authorities or CDEM Group(s). However, that will be based on the initiative of local authorities involved. As long as the proposals are compatible with the principles and criteria for eligibility outlined in the guideline for the CDEM Resilience Fund and are within the proposed allocation for that local authority, the Ministry will approve the allocation.

To simplify the process for the transitional period, a fixed funding amount for local authorities is proposed. This is to provide a guide for the consideration of proposals and simplify the process for deciding on funding allocation. Proposals may exceed that amount, but then approval will be dependent on the availability of funding.

The proposed funding amount for local authorities is \$9,000 per authority with the exception of the new amalgamated Auckland Council allocated up to \$72,000 (MCDEM will liaise with the Auckland Transitional Authority on the arrangements), and each of the other unitary authorities (Marlborough, Nelson-Tasman, Gisborne, and Chatham

Islands) being proposed \$30,000. Authorities can make joint applications through which they can combine their proposed funding amount.

5. Wellington CDEM Group Applications

Local Authority	Project	Cost	Motivation
Masterton DC	Public address warning system and a suitably powered laptop to support EMIS and provide an alternative electronic connection as part of business continuity planning for the EOC.	\$12,500 Council will fund the shortfall of \$3,500.00	As part of the ongoing tsunami response development, public address warning systems are required in three coastal settlements modelled on what was developed for Wellington City.
Carterton DC	Tsunami Warning System	\$12,050.00 Territorial authority contribution of \$3,050	Tsunami warning and evacuation signs in strategic locations along the coast
South Wairarapa DC	Bag and printing, foil blankets, light sticks, vets, rain coat, basic first aid kit, water bottle and water, Barley sugar, pen and writing pad. Cost per bag \$91.50	\$9150.00. Council will fund the shortfall of \$150.00	100 Grab bags as continuing support the Council has with the education centre and the community at large
Hutt City Council	Installation of an additional siren in the most vulnerable area of the community, together with a control system that will allow sirens to be activated from the Emergency Operations Centre	\$9600.00 excl GST Territorial authority contribution \$600	The sirens provide an additional means of alerting the community to the need to take particular actions with regard to the impending emergency situation
Upper Hutt CC	Provide additional water storage within the community	\$10374 excl GST Territorial authority contribution \$1,374	In an earthquake there could be up to two breaks per kilometre. By providing a supply within the community will enable the community to be more resilient
Porirua CC	Provision of 4 X 25,000 litre tanks at \$2250 each	\$9000 exc GST	Engaging schools and the community into the process of being ready for emergencies

Kapiti Coast DC	Coastal Repeater Link	\$9,000.00 KCDC will fund rest of the project	Radio equipment has been progressively upgraded as part of a long term programme but is still limited by various blind spots
Wellington CC	Redundant Internet Connectivity	\$9,000.00 Territorial authority contribution \$10,000.00	To research and acquire the necessary equipment to enable a fail-over system providing connectivity to the Ministry's server in Auckland via a satellite internet connection (based on the assumption that a major Wellington event will have compromised the Ministry's Wellington server).
Greater Wellington	Purchase of Broadband Global Area Network (B-GAN) 7600 satellite system with accessories	\$9,000	Communications back up for new EMIS system

6. Conclusion

The CDEM Resilience Fund provides a mechanism for the local government CDEM sector to collaboratively identify priorities and establish joint projects to maximise the benefits gained from the subsidy provided by the government. This approach will also place an administrative burden on those involved and inevitably there will be teething problems with the new system. However, this approach will pay increasing dividends as the process becomes embedded and areas of collaboration are identified.

7. Recommendations

That CEG:

1. *Receives the report and notes the content of the report*
2. *Approves the following 2010/2011 applications (\$9,000 each) for funding from the Ministry of CDEM Resilience Fund:*
 - a. *Masterton District Council - Public address warning system and a suitably powered laptop to support EMIS*
 - b. *Carterton District Council - Tsunami Warning System*

- c. South Wairarapa District Council – 100 Grab bags*
 - d. Hutt City Council - Installation of an additional siren*
 - e. Upper Hutt City Council - additional water storage*
 - f. Porirua City Council - Purchase of 4 X 25,000 litre tanks*
 - g. Kapiti Coast District Council – Provision of a Coastal Repeater Link*
 - h. Wellington City Council – Provision of a Redundant Internet Connectivity*
 - i. Greater Wellington Regional Council - Purchase of a Broadband Global Area Network (B-GAN) 7600 satellite system with accessories*
- 3. That the Chairperson of the Co-ordinating Executive Group be authorised to serve on the ‘Priority Forum’ as set out by the Director of CDEM*

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