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Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 14:42
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information
Subject: Response - LGOIMA 21180 - [REDACTED] / Radio NZ - Class 4 Grant Funding

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

Hamilton City Council's External Funding Applications Policy excludes any application made to or any funding received from Gaming trusts. Gaming Trusts are defined in our policy as "Funds from a corporate society as defined in the Gambling Act 2003 (including reference to Section 33), which has an operator's licence for a Class 4 venue or the holder of a casino venue licence and a casino operator's licence".

The resolution to exclude Gaming trust from the Council's sources of funding was passed in August 2017. The resolution specifically passed was "Council will exclude from external funding sources Gaming Trust Funds and will not apply to Gaming Trusts Funds for external funding". Please see the minutes of the meeting here, item 10: [Community & Services Committee - Open Minutes](#).

Accordingly, this policy extends to all Hamilton City Council owned and operated services and facilities including but not limited to Hamilton Gardens, Hamilton Pools, Hamilton Libraries, H3 Group, Waikato Museum, Hamilton Zoo, Hamilton sports parks and playgrounds. Therefore, we can confirm that Hamilton City Council have made no applications nor received any funding from Class 4 gaming organisations in the last two financial years.

Response from Finance Team re Council affiliates here:

In response to the media enquiry, I can confirm that there have been no grants via the class 4 gaming sector for our CCOs:

- New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency – no grants
- Waikato Regional Airport Limited – no grants
- Waikato Innovation Growth Limited/ New Zealand Food Innovation Waikato Limited – no grants
- Waikato Local Authority Shared Services – a grant of \$31,418 in 2019, sourced from Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority. It was used to co-fund consultants to advise on energy efficient initiatives for Councils to implement.

This is confirmation on grants received by Council's direct affiliates only.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

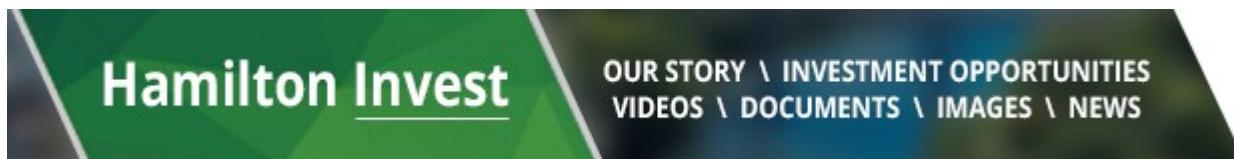
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 25 May 2021 4:08 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Media enq: Class 4 grant funding

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED], I'm a reporter with Radio NZ, hope you're well.

I am collecting information from every council to do with grants via the class 4 gaming sector. This request has been sent to all local councils.

I request the following please:

- How much money has the council, or any of its affiliates for which the council is a shareholder, received as an applicant for grants in the last 2 financial years?
- If funds were received, what were they used for? And which societies did they come from?
- How much money in total has the council, or any of its affiliates for which the council is a shareholder, applied for from societies in the past 2 financial years?

Any questions, please don't hesitate to clarify - I'm on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Kind Regards,
[REDACTED]

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