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2021-2031 TEN YEAR PLAN | HE MAHERE KAHURUTAKA NEW PROCESS FOR RECEIVING A COMMUNITY GRANT

Kia ora koutou,

QLDC is introducing a new process for community grants to ensure they are managed in a structured way. As you have received a community grant in the past, we are writing to let you know what the changes mean for you.

How the process will work

Starting this year, anyone applying for a community grant must do so through the draft [Ten Year Plan 2021-2031](#) submission process. This is starting soon with consultation opening on 19 March 2021 and running until 19 April 2021.

Even if you normally receive an annual grant or rent costs, we are asking you to follow this process. This is not because your funding is necessarily at risk, but we are keen to ensure that community grants are awarded in a structured way.

Going forward, grant recipients will be asked to prepare a submission for every Ten Year Plan process. This will allow you to apply for up to three years' of funding. The amount of grant funding available during a regular Annual Plan process will be reduced and will only be available as a one year award.

Why are we making the change?

The COVID-19 global pandemic has and will continue to have unprecedented impacts on the social and economic wellbeing of the Queenstown Lakes District. While there are likely to be challenges ahead, we need to continue to invest in infrastructure and services to make sure we remain a great place to live, visit, work and invest in.

However, we are working in a significantly constrained financial environment and this may restrict our ability to invest in community projects or organisations over the next three years. This does not necessarily mean your funding is at risk if your organisation regularly receives operational support from QLDC but any new projects or operational funding increases are likely to be limited.

Tips for making your submission

It's a good idea to prepare your submission early, as your grant submission must explain how this investment in your project or organisation will support the outcomes of the 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan and our community's [Vision Beyond 2050](#).

Your submission can request community grant support for up to three years, and should also include a description of:

- The operational services or project these funds will be used to deliver.
- How this investment will be of value to the wider community.
- Other funding your organisation or project will receive over the next three years.

All community grant decisions will be made by the Council as part of the process to finalise and adopt the 2021-2031 Ten Year Plan.

More details about the Ten Year Plan submission process can be found at letstalk.qldc.govt.nz

Your submission can include both a request for funding *and* feedback on the Ten Year Plan.

If you have any questions regarding the community grant application process, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie Day". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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