

## 7.4 Creative Community Scheme Report

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| Report To:     | Local Services Committee                                                   |
| Meeting Date:  | Thursday, 8 May 2025                                                       |
| Author:        | Paul Bowden, Cherie Pascoe                                                 |
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| Authorised by: | Executive Manager Delivery                                                 |

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### Purpose

To update the Local Services Committee on the allocation of the current round of funding under the Creative Communities Scheme.

### Recommendation

That the Local Services Committee:

- a. Receives and notes the Creative Communities Scheme Allocations report (Resolve #2025-209).

### Executive Summary

Twice per year, on behalf of Creative New Zealand, Council administers the allocation of grants under the Creative Communities Scheme (CCS). For 2025, Council contracted the South Waikato Arts Trust to administer the Scheme and allocation of the funds on its behalf.

The full CCS Annual Allocation for 2024/25 is \$30,026, allocated over two funding rounds of \$15,026 held in August 2024 and February 2025 respectively.

Thirteen applications were received for the February funding round, ten of these were successful.

### Context

Creative New Zealand is New Zealand's national agency for developing the arts. It encourages, supports and promotes the arts in New Zealand for the benefit of all New Zealanders. The Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa Act 2014 allows Creative New Zealand to allocate funding to other organisations, including councils, so that they can administer the grants in support of arts projects. As mentioned above, while the local CCS Allocations Committee has the power to decide what allocations to make, it must do so in accordance with the attached "Creative Communities Scheme Assessors Guide."

The list of successful applicants, and their allocated amounts, are detailed in Appendix A.

### Attachments

1. CCS Allocation Letter\_Redacted

15<sup>th</sup> April 2025

To whom it may concern,

**Creative Communities Scheme 2024/25 allocation of funds**

The following applications were successful in receiving funds from the 2024/25 Creative Communities Scheme as outlined in the hui minutes recorded by Krysta Hunia on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**Total funds to be allocated: \$30,000.00**

**Number of Recipients: 10**

The details of the allocations are as follows:

**Recipient:** Rangi Lockington

**Project name:** Tamariki o te vao rakau

**Allocated amount:** \$5,500.00

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**Recipient:** Elvisa van der Leden

**Project name:** Collaboration Station Weekend Exhibition

**Allocated amount:** \$2,430.00

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**Recipient:** Te Waihou Charitable Trust

**Project name:** South Waikato Awards

**Allocated amount:** \$4,000.00

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**Recipient:** Akarere Henry

**Project name:** Te Eiva Nui Cook Islands Dance Competition

**Allocated amount:** \$3,450.00

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**Recipient:** Elizabeth Arahuta Kaitai

**Project name:** Raranga for Hapu Mama & Hapu Whanau

**Allocated amount:** \$1,500.00

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**Recipient:** Tokoroa Primary School Music Festival Committee

**Project name:** Tokoroa Combined Schools Music Festival

**Allocated amount:** \$5,000.00

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**Recipient:** Oriwa Morgan Ward

**Project name:** Toi Oriwa Creative

**Allocated amount:** \$2,500.00

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**Recipient:** South Waikato Dance Festival

**Project name:** South Waikato Dance Festival 2025

**Allocated amount:** \$2,200.00

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**Recipient:** Mindi King

**Project name:** Kids Create art workshops

**Allocated amount:** \$1,600.00

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**Recipient:** Joanne Reti

**Project name:** Te Waahi Whakaora

**Allocated amount:** \$1,820.00

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Could you please complete the above bank transfers on behalf of the Creative Communities Scheme 2024/25.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Kind regards,

Ashleigh McCormack

The South Waikato Arts Trust

Grant Administration of the 2024/25 Creative Communities Scheme