

06/10/2020

[REDACTED]  
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Dear [REDACTED],

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 5 September 2020 for information regarding the Naenae Activation Fund.

The information you have requested is below.

**\$100k was budgeted for Naenae Community Activities 19/20 and 20/21:**

In 2019/20 \$80,867 was spent on:

Mural Project	\$13,867
Naenae Market	\$20,000
Afterschool physical literacy and play programme	\$46,000
Naenae Town centre activation fund	\$1,000
Total	\$80,867

\$19k was unallocated at the time COVID restrictions came into place and as this was unspent at the financial year end and was not carried over.

In 2020/21:

\$10k is tagged to the Naenae Town Centre Activation Fund, which the public can apply for here <http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/services/funding/naenae-town-centre>

\$90K has been tagged to providing community space in Hillary Court (with the Community Hall no longer open) and to a town centre work programme which is currently being developed around COVID restrictions.

**\$200k was budgeted for Naenae CBD Activation fund 19/20 and 20/21:**

In 2019/20 \$71,316 was spent on:

Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce - Business Support	\$47,643
Storbie – Shop Naenae digital platform	\$6,749
Trade School Kitchen/Youth Inspire partnering	\$7,500
Marketview – reporting	\$8,940
Other, advertising etc	\$484
Total	\$71,316

\$100K was unallocated at the time COVID restrictions came into place and has been carried over to 20/21.

In 2020/21 the following has been spent so far:

Team Naenae – market support	\$12,503
Storbie – Shop Naenae digital platform	\$1,097
Signs and flag system	\$1,927
Painting	\$247
Container	\$244
Total	\$16,018

**Other Council investment in Naenae for 2020/21:**

**Mauri Ora fund (contestable fund) approved 9 Sep 2020 by Community and Environment Committee:**

Trade Kitchen	\$20,000
Te Puna Manawa Drop In Centre	\$20,000
Naenae Youth Charitable Trust	\$25,000
Team Naenae Trust	\$5,000 (+ additional \$20,000 from other council sources = total \$25,000)

This funding was available to community groups through a contestable fund advertised through our website and other channels.

**Multi Year Funding also funded via contestable funding 20/21:**

Wesley Community Action	\$80,000
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**Naenae Community Arts Projects**

In 20/21, \$10k has been budgeted for community arts projects in the Naenae community. We are currently working with a number of local artists to develop programmes.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Rachael Thomas.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Thomas

**From:** [Euan Kyle](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Andrea Blackshaw](#); [Rachael Thomas](#); [Melanie Laban](#); [Gary Craig](#)  
**Subject:** RE: LGOIMA Request  
**Date:** Thursday, 3 December 2020 8:19:12 AM  
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03/12/2020

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

Part of the information you have requested including how to apply is publically available information and can be found here <http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/Services/Funding/naeae-town-centre-activation-fund/>.

Allocations to date have been determined by officers; in some cases officers alone e.g. business support from Chamber and in others with input from community e.g. the market and events support.

We are keen for new ideas to consider and both Claire Allan [Claire.Allan@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Claire.Allan@huttcity.govt.nz) and Joni Arait [Joni.Arait@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Joni.Arait@huttcity.govt.nz) can be contacted to discuss opportunities for activation and possible support.

The balance of \$28,764 being the difference between the year's budget \$200,000 less (i) spent (\$71,316) and (ii) carried over to following year (\$100,000) was absorbed back into Council (i.e. neither spent or reallocated).

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Regards,

**Euan Kyle**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 November 2020 1:24 AM  
**To:** Gary Craig  
**Cc:** Andrea Blackshaw; Rachael Thomas; Melanie Laban; Euan Kyle

**Subject:** Re: LGOIMA Request

Thanks Gary, and Rachael for the responses I have received. I apologise for not acknowledging receipt sooner, as have just been a little swamped with normal life things.

I'm just revisiting your initial response that was provided in pdf. These figures show that at the time of response, the Naenae CBD Activation Fund contained almost \$285,000 unallocated so far this financial year (including \$100k rolled over from previous year).

But the response did not attempt to answer question 4 that was in my initial LGOIMA request, which was to identify for me how this money is allocated, and whether it is contestible, and how the public can apply for it, if it is. My initial LGOIMA request sought all documentation pertaining to this; however, I am happy to amend that. I do not require all documentation, but **I would like to know the process, in simple terms, for allocating the Naenae CBD Activation Fund. Is this done by committee, by a panel of some sort, one individual at the council, or what? Can it be applied for and if so, how? These are LGOIMA requests so please answer them.**

Clearly, \$285,000 is getting up there as an unspent sum, so it is in the public interest to know what's happening with that. If there is not currently a formal process for allocation, then perhaps the council should consider creating one. It would be dreary, I'm sure you'd all agree, if the spending is not happening only because it's down to one individual who has left the handbrake on.

While I'm here, I would also just like to note a discrepancy of \$28,684 in the figures you have provided. This may seem like splitting hairs but it is close to one-third again of the money from this fund that was rolled over from the 2019/2020 year. If \$100k could be rolled over, then why not also the \$28,684 that is unaccounted for in your table, quoted as follows:

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Total	\$71,316 [what of the remaining \$28,684 here?]

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Anyway, this discrepancy is not my main concern and I'll leave it with you to wonder about.

I mainly just want to know about the \$285,000 and how it's allocated.

Thank you.

On Wed, 21 Oct 2020 at 09:27, Gary Craig <[Gary.Craig@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Gary.Craig@huttcity.govt.nz)> wrote:

In response to your request for further clarification below we advise as follows:

The Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce was contracted to provide business support over a six month period – this included regular clinics for businesses; 1 on 1 personal sessions; training workshops; developing individual business

development programmes; promoting Naenae business community to chamber network; assisting with development of Shop Naenae.  
Storbie – this is the company that developed the digital platform for Shop Naenae with assistance from the Chamber and Council staff.  
Marketview reporting – this reporting provided information on the retail spend in the Naenae centre compared with the previous period so we could monitor the impact of the pool closure on the centre spend. This included weekly comparisons and more detailed reporting as required  
Regards  
Gary

**Gary Craig**  
Head of City Growth

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Rapare, 08 Whiringa a-nuku, 2020 12:58 p.m.  
**To:** Rachael Thomas  
**Cc:** Euan Kyle  
**Subject:** Re: LGOIMA Request

Thank you Rachael. Arising from this I have three more questions, just for some clarification please:

I would like further description of the following three items listed in this expenditure (ie what are they?):

- Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce - Business Support \$47,643
- Storbie – Shop Naenae digital platform \$6,749
- Marketview – reporting \$8,940

This is also an OIA request.

I understand what everything else is in these lists.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

On Tue, 6 Oct 2020 at 19:05, Rachael Thomas <[Rachael.Thomas@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:Rachael.Thomas@huttcity.govt.nz)> wrote:

06/10/2020

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The information you have requested is enclosed.

Regards,

**Rachael Thomas**

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**From:** Euan Kyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 08 September, 2020 1:42 p.m.  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: LGOIMA Request

08/09/2020

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUEST**

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your official information request dated 5 September 2020 for information regarding the Naenae Activation Fund.

We received your request on 7 September 2020. We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

If any additional factors come to light which are relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely,

**Euan Kyle**

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**From:** Dianne Hooper  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 September 2020 8:25 AM  
**To:** Euan Kyle  
**Subject:** FW: LGOIMA Request

**From:** Contact  
**Sent:** Saturday, 5 September 2020 10:37 AM  
**To:** Information Management Team  
**Subject:** LGOIMA Request

**Name** [REDACTED]  
**Organisation**  
**Address** [REDACTED]  
**Telephone**  
**Mobile**  
**Email** [REDACTED]  
**Response By** Email

**Information requested** I understand there is a fund known as the Naenae Activation Fund (or similar title) which is for activity in Naenae absent a community hub. This was established by the good Mayor Campbell Barry and for the financial year of 2019/20 it contained initial sum of \$100,000. My understanding is that the bulk of this was underspent. But no-one seems to know by how much and this information is proving hard to elicit from the HCC. 1. I therefore request under the LGOIMA that you furnish me with the exact amount from this fund that was rolled over and/or reabsorbed by the council, from the 2019/20 fund. 2. Secondly, I request to know how much was allocated for the 2020/21 fund, and whether this includes or excludes any monies leftover from last year. 3. I understand that further funding for activity in Naenae has recently been signed off for the current financial year. This may be separate from what's known as the Naenae Activation Fund. But it is hard, again, to elicit this information from the council. I therefore request under the LGOIMA that you furnish me with the exact sum(s) of all such funding that is or should be publicly available. 4. My understanding is there could be as much as \$400,000 all combined. Yet

it is not clear whether this is contestible funding, and/or how to apply for it, and/or whether any process exists at all for allocating this much-needed funding. Please provide me with any and all documents showing how this funding is to be allocated and/or accessed.

**File upload**

**Urgency**

Your dysfunction must end urgently. These are not difficult questions but your officers have not been answering them, and this funding is urgently needed in Naenae, and furthermore, it belongs to the public. Thank you.

**Reason**

**Invisible**

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