

# Manāki Tinana Trust Hokianga Community Gym



4 November 2021

Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board

## **Request for an Extension of Time to Expend a Community Board Grant**

Kia ora,

At your Community Board meeting in February 2020, you kindly made a grant of \$1560 to Manaki Tinana Trust Hokianga Community Gym. This amount was to cover the cost of hiring the Rawene Town Hall for twice-weekly exercise sessions for our Over 60's Ladies classes for a year.

We applied for this grant as we have ongoing capacity issues at our gym, necessitating the hiring of an outside venue to run classes.

When we first received the grant, the fee for each hour's hireage of the Town Hall was \$15, and we based our application to you on this, but the Town Hall Committee subsequently reduced the fee to \$10 per hour. Alongside this, several Covid lockdowns this year have meant that there have been periods of time when it has not been safe, or permitted, to meet for exercise sessions in a group setting, and so we have not been able to use the Town Hall as often as we had expected to.

These two factors have resulted in a grant underspend. We project that by February next year we will still have about \$480 of the original grant of \$1560 in hand, and we would like to request that we retain this funding until August 2022, to cover the cost of hall hireage for a little longer.

To relieve our capacity issues, we are presently working towards the construction of another building, but do not expect it to be ready for some time yet, and so we will continue to need to hire a venue for exercise classes for a while longer. In the meantime, we would appreciate an extension of time to fully utilise the grant, and to continue to run the exercise classes in the Town Hall.

Nga mihi,

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