



CDEM Resilience Fund project application form

| Application for CDEM Resilience Collaborative fund approval | |
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| Project title | Community Response Plan Project |
| Date of application | 28 February 2011 |
| Details on application | |
| Lead local authority | Whangarei, Kaipara and Far North District Councils |
| CDEM Group | Northland CDEM Group |
| Other local authorities or Groups supporting the proposal | Northland CDEM Group members |
| Project description | |
| <p>Executive summary Over the past 5 years, around 40 Community Response Plans have been partly or fully completed for the Northland region. The plan development process and the outcomes of the plans have been considered very successful and contribute to the Northland CDEM Goal of "Working together to create resilient communities in Northland."</p> <p>CRP's have been tested during exercises and activated during weather and tsunami events.</p> <p>The Northland CDEM Group are committed to the ongoing development and maintenance of CRP's and have identified a further 12 priority plans to be developed over the next 12 months.</p> | |
| <p>Problem/opportunity Providing adequate resources and support to communities to participate in the ongoing development and maintenance of CRP's is considered a challenge. Resourcing plans from within existing resources has been difficult for all councils and in 2010 the Northland Regional Council were contracted to assist the Whangarei District Council complete ten Community Response Plans. The contract was managed in a similar manner as a consultant would manage a project.</p> <p>Nine plans have been completed with only one plan yet to be finalised. Some of the communities require re-visits in 2011 for tsunami evacuation planning based upon recently released tsunami inundation maps.</p> <p>To reach this stage of community response plan completion a total of 63 meetings were attended. A well defined efficient planning and review process has been developed.</p> <p>The total cost to date for the "consultant fees" for CRP's, not including Whangarei District council staff time is \$40319.</p> <p>A further 12 plans are identified for completion and the estimated cost of completing those plans over the next 12 months is estimated at \$48,000.00</p> | |
| <p>Alignment with identified goals and objectives This project is aligned with the following four goals identified in the Northland CDEM plan -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing community awareness, understanding, preparedness and participation in CDEM • Reducing the risks from hazards. • Enhancing capability to manage civil defence emergencies • Enhancing capability to recover from civil defence emergencies. | |

Dissemination of benefits to sector
 A resilient community is well informed about the hazards that they face and the consequences of these hazards. They have ownership over local hazard risks and their planned response to them. They are self-determining and prepared to manage and learn from the demands and challenges encountered during an emergency. In order to increase local resilience, community members need to participate actively in deciding what levels of risk they consider acceptable and what measures are put in place to manage those risks. In so doing, communities will be able to begin to address the underlying drivers and root causes of their vulnerability to hazard events. CDEM practitioners and others involved in planning for emergency events are therefore encouraged to consider community-based planning as a valuable tool to promote community resilience and individual preparedness. The process can take some time but the ongoing benefits, both for the community and for the local and regional authorities, far outweigh the costs. As we engage with communities in developing their own response and recovery plans, and involve them with risk reduction and readiness activities, we are enabling them to determine their own responses and path to community resilience. *Community Based Civil Defence Emergency Planning in Northland. Australasian Journal of Disaster and Trauma Studies Vol 2010-1.*

Project design

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| Project manager | Northland CEG Chair - Tony Phipps |
| Other project members | CDO's from Kaipara, Whangarei and Far North District Councils. |
| External providers/contractors | |

Deliverables

| Milestone | Date for completion | Cost |
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| Funding approved | March 2011 | Estimated cost per plan \$4000 |
| Priority Plans identified | March 2011 | |
| Community engagement | From April 2011 | |
| Plans developed, reviewed, approved | From July 2011 | |
| Existing plans reviewed | From June 2011 | |

Identified risks

| Risk | Suggested management |
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| Communities not engaged Councils unable to meet deadlines | Key leadership / mentor engaged early Council engage contractor /consultant to assist review and updating of plans. |

Funding request and use

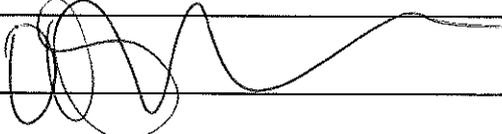
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| CDEM resilience fund contribution | \$50,000 |
| Local authority contribution | Various depending on plan development. |
| Other sources of funding | Nil |
| Expenditure <i>[Please supply details]</i> | Not applicable |

Application confirmation

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| Approval of Chief Executive | |
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CDEM Group comment

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| Comment | Community Response Plans are a priority project identified in the Northland CDEM Group Plan and the CDEM Group endorse this project. |
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| Approval of Coordinating Executive Group Chair |  |
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