




CDEM Resilience Fund project application form

Application for CDEM Resilience Collaborative fund approval	
Project title	Northland Resilience Project – Community Response Plans
Date of application	25 February 2013
Details on application	
Lead local authority	Northland Regional Council
CDEM Group	Northland
Other local authorities or Groups supporting the proposal	Far North, Kaipara and Whangarei District Council's
Project description	
<p>Executive summary</p> <p>Working together to create resilient communities in Northland is the aim of the Northland CDEM Group. Effective preparedness and response activities help save lives, reduce injuries, limit property damage and minimise all sorts of disruptions that disasters cause. In the 2013 year resilience continues to be the priority focus for the Northland CDEM sector. Community engagement through development and review of Community Response plans is integral to the on-going resilience programme.</p> <p>The Northland CDEM Group has committed significant resources to develop community response plans over several years with over 50 communities now having completed plans. CRP's are developed on an all hazards basis and have been integral to tsunami readiness; as a basis for installation of tsunami sirens and to facilitate tsunami evacuation planning.</p> <p>The programme has contributed to enhancing readiness, response and recovery capability in communities across the region. Recent emergency events have clearly demonstrated the value of having in place plans that are well developed, understood and practised.</p> <p>During the 2013-14 year CRP reviews, updates and revisions are required for 12 communities. This programme of revising and updating plans is critical to ensure that community response plans are current and contain up to date information. (Cost estimate is \$3,000 per plan plus admin costs).</p> <p>There is now an opportunity to add value and build on existing response orientated arrangements to include mechanisms to recover from emergencies more quickly and for communities to better understand risk and thereby develop mechanisms to reduce risk within communities. This piece of work can be directly linked to recommendations made in the Christchurch review whereby it was recommended "that a systematic approach to Using volunteers, particularly for gathering information about the needs of individuals in affected areas and to ensure communities receive needed information."</p> <p>The group has also identified an opportunity to develop the brand and presentation of the plans into a simple format that is internet friendly.</p> <p>The Northland CDEM Group does not currently have the resources available to continue on with the review of these plans.</p> <p>This project enhances and strengthens Community Resilience both at a local and regional level and contributes to national resilience.</p>	

<p>Problem/opportunity Review and updates of 12 Community Response Plans across the region. A number of plans are overdue for review.</p> <p>Review to include updates on tsunami evacuation, links to tourism plans, review of telephone trees and contacts update, adding value to include recovery planning, risk management and awareness.</p>		
<p>The planning has enabled communities to build strong credible relationships with the local emergency managers, the CDEM sector and to better understand CDEM response arrangements.</p> <p>A consultant has been utilised in the past two years to develop plans. It is proposed to employ a consultant to carry out the plan reviews.</p>		
<p>Alignment with identified goals and objectives Northland CDEM Group Goals 1 to 4 are consistent with the National Strategy. These projects are all directly aligned to the national and group goals.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased community awareness, understanding, preparedness and participation in civil defence emergency management (Readiness). • Reducing the risks from hazards. • Enhancing capability to manage civil defence emergencies (Response). • Enhancing capability to recover from civil defence emergencies. (Recovery). <p>The Northland CDEM monitoring and evaluation recommendations include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "That the CEG considers the resource implications of community response planning, including how to give effect to the Group's aspirations to complete and maintain more community response plans over the duration of the new CDEM Group plan" and <p>The Community Response Plans align with the CEG Forum priorities set in late 2012. This project contributes to and is directly aligned with the National Strategy, the Northland CDEM Group plan goals and objectives and is contained in recommendations in the Northland Capability Assessment report, April 2010.</p>		
<p>Dissemination of benefits to sector Benefits to the wider CDEM Sector include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a Community Response Plan template which is internet and reader friendly. 		
Project design		
Project manager	Coordinating Executive Group	
Other project members	Whangarei, Kaipara and Far North District Councils, various Northland communities.	
External providers/contractors	To be advised.	
Deliverables		
Milestone	Date for completion	Cost
Project scope developed and agreed	1 September 2013	Completed by CEG
Project appointments and consultants appointed	September CEG meeting 2013.	Completed by CEG
Plan reviews for 12 communities.	Scheduled as per project	\$36,000 \$4,000 support/admin

Identified risks	
Risk	Suggested management
Expected outcomes and timelines are not achieved.	Regular monitoring and reporting. Appropriate selection processes and criteria for consultant/contractors engaged.
Over budget	Budget developed and costs agreed before implementation together with close monitoring of all expenditure.
Funding request and use	
CDEM resilience fund contribution	\$40,000
Local authority contribution	Various (unable to quantify in \$ terms).
Other sources of funding	Nil
Expenditure	Consultant - \$30,000
Application confirmation	
Approval of Chief Executive	
CDEM Group comment	
Comment	Community Response plans are a high priority and the programme has proved invaluable in achieving community resilience.
Approval of Coordinating Executive Group Chair	