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ENERGY TRUST DISTRIBUTES OVER \$400,000 FOR EASTERN BAY ENERGY RELATED COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust approved total funding of \$432,047 for energy related projects during the three months from October to December 2006.

In October the Trust approved up to \$250,000 in principle for Project Hope to cover the energy related aspects of the new cancer centre, \$15,305 for the Opotiki Catholic Parish to install heat pumps and a boil and brew; \$5,000 for each for the Christmas in the Park events in Whakatane, Kawerau, Opotiki and Murupara, and \$21,780 for Maraenui Kohanga Reo to install insulation, upgrade heating and the hot water supply and an electrical upgrade. In November the Trust approved \$1,000 for Te Kura O Raukokore to install appliances in the technology unit; \$40,000 for Kawerau District Council to upgrade lighting and electrical wiring as part of the library and museum upgrade, and \$11,224 for Taneatua Volunteer Fire Brigade to install a heat pump and upgrade kitchen appliances. At this week's December Trust meeting, the Trustees approved \$13,787 of funding for the Opotiki and Districts Senior Citizens Association to install heat pumps and a hot water boiler; \$5,958 to Opotiki RSA to install a ventilation system in the kitchen, and \$52,993 to the Central Bay Hockey Charitable Trust to cover the costs of installing car park lighting to deter vandalism, and for the energy related components of the new pavilion. Trust Chairman Kevin Hennessy announced the distributions and said "The Trustees are committed to maximising its contribution to shared community outcomes. As an independent source of community funds, the Trust can enhance the community by assisting with the provision and upgrade of facilities. This is obviously adding value to the entire Eastern Bay community, and the Trustees are committed to ensuring that this source of funding remains available through the Trust's distributions programme."

Note: Energy Trust funding is for energy related purposes under the terms of the Trust Deed. This is not a 'cash injection'.

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