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TRUST SUPPORTS MATATA COMMUNITY

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust last week approved funding of \$17,831.12 for the upgrade of the Matata Community Resource Centre, which has been a central point for assistance during the recent civil emergency. The project funding will allow the installation of heat pumps and kitchen appliances, as well as necessary electrical work.

Trust Chairman Mrs Toni Owen announced the distribution and said "The Matata community has been severely affected by the recent events, and the Community Resource Centre demonstrated its great value as a centrally located organisation which is in touch with the community and its needs. The Eastern Bay Energy Trust is very happy to support this worthy project".

Hawai Marae received a distribution of \$71,188.70 for the energy-related aspects of their new whare toi (arts centre) and ablutions block. The funding will also cover the installation of a new hot water system incorporating wood-fired, gas and solar heating for the whare toi, ablutions block and the whare kai.

Trustees approved \$100,000 for the Trust's long-running 50/50 retrofit insulation project where the householder and the Trust share the costs of the insulation.

The Trustees also reviewed the upcoming projects to be carried out by the three District Councils, and identified those for which an application for energy-related project funding will be considered.

Mrs Owen said "The Trustees are pleased to support council initiatives such as Christmas, sports field and under verandah lighting which will result in improved benefits for the community, but we will not fund infrastructural assets that we believe should be funded by local or central government. However, loan funding may be available for some of these projects".

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