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Ruapehu District Council

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RDC ANNOUNCES THREE CREATIVE COMMUNITIES FUNDING ROUNDS IN 2011

Ruapehu District Council (RDC), on behalf of Creative New Zealand, has announced that there will be three grant funding rounds for the Ruapehu District Creative Communities Scheme in 2011 with two of the grant rounds being held before June.

The two funding rounds being held in the first half of 2011 are part of the 2010-11 grant funding with the third round being held around September as part of the 2011-12 round.

RDC Group Manager Community and Regulation, Marion Smith, said that council needed to move the September 2010 round because of the local body elections.

"This has resulted in the two 2010-11 funding rounds needing to be held in the first half of 2011 to meet Creative New Zealand grant allocation requirements," she said.

"For the 2011-12 year we will be back to our usual arrangements of holding one funding round in 2011 around September and a second funding round in 2012 around March."

"Applications for the first funding round of 2011 will open on 12 January through until 11 February for projects that start after 1st March with the second round applications opening on 20 April through to 20 May for projects starting after 7th June."

Mrs Smith said that the objective of the Creative Communities Scheme is to increase participation in the arts at a local level as well as increasing the range and diversity of arts and culture available to local communities.

"To satisfy the funding criteria the application must be for a project that either increases participation in the arts or culture, increases the range and diversity of art and culture available to the Ruapehu District, or, enhances and strengthens the local arts sector," she said.

"The projects must either take place within the Ruapehu District and/or produce benefits that are largely experienced within the District."

“Any projects that fit the Creative Communities Scheme funding criteria, but which cannot be supported at the level of the Ruapehu District due to the scale of the project, or its significance or level of innovation can apply for funding directly from Creative New Zealand.”

Mrs Smith stated that application forms are available from all council offices or libraries when the respective funding round opens, however, they can be downloaded in advance from council’s website: www.ruapehudc.govt.nz

“If anyone has any queries on the Creative Communities Scheme they can call Regulation Team Assistant, Sharon Adams, on 07 895 8188,” she said.

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