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Request from:	Claudia Cooper – Taxpayers’ Union
Information requested:	Mayoral discretionary fund breakdown
Response from:	Te Aroha Cook, Acting Chief Executive

14 December 2020

Claudia Cooper
Taxpayers' Union

Via Email: requests@taxpayers.org.nz

Dear Claudia

Official information request for Mayoral discretionary funds breakdown

I refer to your official information request dated 07 December 2020 for Mayoral discretionary funds breakdown.

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. A list of all discretionary funds – i.e. pools of grant funding without a specific policy purpose under the control of the Mayor, Chairs, CEO's or a single elected official.**

I can advise only the Mayor has a discretionary fund.

- 2. The amount of each fund.**

Mayoral fund - \$1020.00

- 3. A full description of the guidelines, controls and oversight of each fund. Please include copies of any written policies.**

The Council has no written policy for the use of this fund. The fund is historically called the Mayoral Relief Fund, and may be referred to as such by the public and internally. The guidelines state the Mayor has signing authority on this reserve and spend is at the Mayor's discretion.

- 4. A list of all calendar year 2020 transactions from each fund.**

Date	Amount	Description
17 November 2020	\$500.00	Donation to ratepayer who lost home and all possession in a house fire.

- 5. A list of all transactions where the guidelines or policies were not adhered to, and the reason for each breach.**

Nil.

- 6. All declaration of interests in relation to grant decisions.**

Nil.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Assistant at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Te Aroha Cook'.

Te Aroha Cook | Acting Chief Executive

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