

10. ST ALBANS PRIMARY SCHOOL - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Officer responsible Community Advocate	Author Barbara Ford, DDI 354-1707
Corporate Plan Output: Project funding 3.2.text.21	

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with information on funding sources in response to the deputation from St Albans School to the last Board meeting.

BACKGROUND

St Albans Primary School Principal addressed the Board's 30 January meeting to request funding towards adventure playgrounds both on the school site and as part of the English Park redevelopment. The school has two old adventure playgrounds that are very well used both during and out of school hours. They do not meet safety requirements and need to be demolished in the very near future.

The school has for many years promoted and encouraged community use of all its school facilities, both indoor and outdoor. The grounds are used extensively by the community and community groups for a variety of activities after school and at weekends. The school grounds also house and support OSCAR and Beebo's Toy Library. The school's computer suite is also available for community use outside school hours. A previous application for funding for the computer suite was not able to be met.

PROJECTS

The school is seeking funding towards the following projects, all of which would be available to the community.

- Replacement of the Adventure Playground - Cost \$10,000
- Adventure Playground on English Park
- Grant towards computer suite

FUNDING OPTIONS AND BOARD POLICY

Hillary Commission and Community Development

- Replacement of Adventure Playground on school grounds - doubtful that this would comply, but application being forwarded.
- Grant towards computer suite - could apply.

Community Board Project Funds; Discretionary Funds and SCAP Funds

Both projects could be given a grant from these funds. However they need to be considered alongside the Board's Criteria for Assessing Applications for Funding from Schools, as set out below.

The suggestion of an adventure playground on English Park will be considered following completion of the whole development. Before deciding on where any playground equipment should be sited, staff believe it is best to hold this over until the new development is completed, and the grounds can be monitored to assess the most appropriate location. Once completed community usage, access, etc can be assessed, to identify locations to best suit the community.

The School is also applying for Community Development Funding and to Lotteries Community Facilities.

BOARD POLICY

Applications for funding to schools need to be applied against the following criteria:

Does the proposal fit with the Community Board's Strategic plan/vision?	Yes - To foster a strong sense of community.
Are there other sources of funding available to the schools?	Yes – Part of the funding will be sourced from Community Development and the school is fundraising in the community.
What is the community benefit: • indirect – social, behaviour Direct - physical, environment	Well-being of community, educational and social benefits. Contributes to community facilities, recreation, physical activity.
Can assistance be given through ways other than funding, i.e. advocating on behalf of the school to other agencies and government, providing advice?	Letters of support can be provided for outside grants.
Is it an isolated request from one school or likely to be a need from all schools? The impact would need to be considered if it was likely to attract other requests.	Precedent has been set for funding to schools where there is community use. Fits Board objectives; needs to meet criteria.
Is the funding to help fund a core educational/school programme?	No.
Do the benefits of the activity pertain primarily to students and/or their immediate families?	Would generally be used by the school catchment.
How does this funding request meet the school's objectives to the wider community?	The school has a policy to promote the 'Community use of Facilities'.
A report from the Council staff on the request to be considered by the Community Board at its next ordinary monthly meeting.	Includes report.

PREVIOUS GRANTS TO SCHOOLS

The Board has previously given funding grants to schools for playground equipment of varying amount from \$3,000 Mairehau and Redwood; Ouruhia \$2,000; Northcote \$9,000 (two separate amounts) and Belfast. Other schools have received \$7,500 for half courts.

- Recommendation:**
1. That a grant be made of \$3,000 from 2001/02 Discretionary Funds to St Albans Primary School towards the adventure playground.
 2. That the School be advised to apply to the 2002 Community Development Fund for a grant for the computer suite.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendations be adopted.