

12. LEGAL ART PROJECT - SEAVIEW CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding support from the Community Board for a Legal Art Project in partnership with the Seaview Christian Centre.

The Seaview Christian Centre approached the Legal Art Programme with an idea to have a mural painted in their drop-in centre.

The aim of a Legal Art Mural is to add colour and beautify the drop-in space that is used by a wide variety of community people. By using the talents of local young people it will lift not only their spirits, but that of the drop-in centre users and others.

The Council’s Legal Art Programme has been successful at deterring graffiti vandalism by:

- Operating a well-run programme.
- Reducing the fear within local communities.
- Developing relationships between youth and local communities.

The Legal Art Programme is about teaching young people respect for property, developing their artistic skills to a higher level and their self worth in undertaking a recognised community project.

The funding required to undertake this project, including aerosol paint, artistic supervision, refreshments is estimated at \$1,200.

- \$500 artist and supervision fees.
- \$700 aerosol cans.

The Seaview Christian Centre, in terms of a partnership, is happy to be involved with the supervision, process and support of the young people on and around the event of the aerosol artwork production.

ARTISTIC SUPERVISION

Two professional aerosol artists will mentor and work alongside a young person from the New Brighton community. They will teach the young person new aerosol skills so that graffiti vandalism becomes a thing of the past.

The Sheldon Park Community Pool, Belfast Rugby Football Club and the New Brighton Athletics Club were the last Christchurch Community Artist Legal Art Projects and they have been a great success. They have been supported by the Council and community positively with no re-occurrence of graffiti vandalism.

THE DESIGN BRIEF

The proposed design will be based on a beach scene as the name of the drop-in centre is “The Light House”. Other designs included will be dolphins, lighthouse, ships, etc. A draft will be presented to the Seaview Christian Centre for approval.

A quote for the aerosol cans and a letter from the Seaview Christian Centre with their aims and objectives for this project has been circulated separately to Board members.

NATURAL + PEOPLE + ECONOMIC STEP ASSESSMENT

#	CONDITION:	Meets condition ✓✓0*	HOW IT HELPS MEET CONDITION:
The Natural Step			
N1	Reduce non-renewable resource use		
N2	Eliminate emission of harmful substances		
N3	Protect and restore biodiversity and ecosystems		
N4	People needs met fairly and efficiently	NA	NA - See People Step + Economic Step

The People Step			
P1	Basic needs met		
P2	Full potential developed	✓✓	Relationships built between young people and local community. Mentoring approach helping up skill youth and develop their talents.
P3	Social capital enhanced	✓✓	Reduces fear in community, improves trust and relationships between youth and other community groups. Council/community partnership. The project will enhance Christchurch City Council's relationship/trust with our youth.
P4	Culture and identity protected	✓✓	Allows youth to develop a sense of ownership of/identity with a public space.
P5	Governance and participatory democracy strengthened	✓✓	Enhances Council's relationship with youth/community, fosters respect for community buildings.
The Economic Step			
E1	Effective and efficient use of all resources	✓✓	Partnership approach maximises voluntary contributions.
E2	Job rich local economy	✓	Supports employment of people with the skills to develop relationships with youth and helps recognise the role of artists in the community.
E3	Financial sustainability	✓	One off initiative which addresses some underlying issues.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board allocate up to \$1,200 from its 2002/03 Discretionary fund for a Legal Art Project at the Seaview Christian Centre .

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.