

6. ADDINGTON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to advise and make a recommendation with regard to Addington After School Programmes funding request.

COUNCIL POLICY

The Christchurch City Council has made a commitment to the support of Out of School Programmes through it's Out of School Programmes Policy whereby the Council believes

“that the children of Christchurch have the right to care, recreation and leisure activities in their “out of school” time which are safe, fun, and age and culturally appropriate.”

Please refer to the Statement of Intent which says the Council may provide funding and support to out of school programmes and sets out 8 points to determine the priority level of funding applications.

Other Council policies which are relevant to Out of School programmes are:

- Social Well-being
- Children's Policy
- Recreation and Sport Policy
- Youth policy

ADDINGTON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Addington After School Programme operates under the umbrella of Manuka Cottage which is a not for profit community organisation. The programme operates from St John's Hall (opposite the Selwyn Street shops) and mainly caters for children attending Addington Primary School (decile 3). Currently there are 33 children enrolled .The programme operates with grants from the Ministry of Social Development, the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board, of which \$5,000 was allocated from project funding towards the programme in the 2003/04 year.

The programme has requested funding for a curtain to cross the stage area in addition to a television and play station. The curtain will be used to enable a quiet space available for children to do homework, read and have time out. A quiet space is recommended by the National Association OSCAR standards and also for CYF guidelines/approval.

One of the criteria in relation to Council support of programmes states:

“Priority will be given to Out of School programmes which emphasise creative developmental opportunities for children, with choice of activity and level of engagement and facilitate child development and self esteem rather than purely care or supervision.”

On this basis the television and play station would be low priority.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$270 to the Addington After School Programme for the purpose of purchasing a stage curtain.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: It is noted that the After School Programme has requested funding of the stage curtain and that the application has been made through Manuka Cottage as the umbrella organisation. The staff recommendation is supported.