

5. ELMADHAFEH INCORPORATED - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to an application for funding from the Elmadhafeh Incorporated Society for \$3,000 from the Board's 2005/06 SCAP fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Elmadhafeh Incorporated Society is seeking financial support from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board to provide Arabic language and Islamic culture classes to be held weekly at the Avice Hill Art and Craft Center in Memorial Avenue. This is the first occasion that the group has requested funding assistance from the Board.
3. These classes will be open to anyone to attend and aims to introduce people to the Palestinian community and culture. It also aims to teach and maintain the use of the Arabic language amongst the children of the Palestinian community.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal considerations in relation to this application.
5. The funding requested is broken down as follows:

Tutor costs	\$1,500
Whiteboard	\$ 300
Resources	\$1,200
- paper, pens, text books, etc	
6. There is a small charge of \$3 to attend the classes and this money covers the cost of hiring the Avice Hill facility.
7. The Elmadhafeh Incorporated Society has not received any previous funding from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

Approve the amount of \$3,000 to the Elmadhafeh Incorporated Society from the Board's 2005/06 SCAP fund towards the costs involved in providing Arabic language and Islamic culture classes.

BACKGROUND

7. The Elmadhafeh Incorporated Society was established in January 2005.
8. The main aims of the organisation are to introduce the Palestinian culture to the wider community and introduce Palestinian families to each other. They also aim to provide social events which promote their culture and provide an opportunity for members of the wider community to gain a better understanding of their culture.
9. This application was originally submitted to the Community Development Scheme but was declined by the funding committee as the application did not contain enough information in regards to the activities undertaken by the organisation.
10. Since this decision, the Community Development Adviser and the Community Recreation Adviser have met with the organisation on a number of occasions and are satisfied that this organisation does meet the criteria for funding and that their activities are meeting a need within their own community and providing opportunities for the wider community. As the organisation has been declined by the Community Development scheme, its options are to either wait for 12 months or approach the Community Board.
11. This project fits well within the Council's LTCCP outcome of Inclusive and Diverse Communities. This outcome aims to encourage a diversity of lifestyles, and a sense of social connection, place and identity.

OPTIONS

12. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to:
 - a) grant the amount requested to the Elmadhafeh Incorporated Society
 - b) grant a portion of the amount requested
 - c) decline the application