

## 7. KIMIHIA YOUTH SKILLS TRUST - KIMIHIA ADVENTURE PROGRAMME (KAP) - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information relating to an urgent application for funding for the Kimihia Youth Skills Trust (Kimihia Adventure programme [KAP]) from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2005/06 Discretionary Funds.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Kimihia Youth Skills Trust (Kimihia Adventure programme [KAP]) is requesting urgent funding support from the Community Board. This funding will assist in covering a predicted shortfall of funds (totalling \$23,313) for operational costs for the programme for the 2006 calendar year.
3. The Kimihia Adventure Programme was established under the Kimihia Youth Skills Trust in 2000. Operating from a house in Worchester Street, Linwood, KAP is an effective Alternative Education facility, which provides a safe alternative education programme for 'at risk youth' from the wider Linwood community.
4. KAP is a recognised alternative education facility, and as such, receives partial financial support from the Ministry of Education (MoE). Aranui High School acts as the consortium school for East Christchurch, and as such, retains a 10% fee (for administration) from MoE funding allocated to the KAP programme.
5. MoE funding allocated to the KAP programme for 2006 is worked to equate to a maximum roll of 12 students. With funding retained by the consortium school this leaves a shortfall for the programme for the 2006 year.

This has generated a high degree of concern for the Kimihia Youth Skills Trust concerning the ability of the programme to operate in 2006, particularly as the Linwood College Board of

Trustees have indicated the need for assurance that best effort has been made to access funding to meet this operational shortfall before the commencement of the 2006 school year.

The Kimihia Youth Skills Trust are currently negotiating with the MoE to allow one (1) extra student enrolment into the programme for 2006, which will take the maximum roll to 13 students. This decision will not be confirmed until early 2006, and if agreed, will ensure that the programme remains viable. However, additional funding would still be required.

The structure of alternative education programmes in Christchurch is currently under review, and programmes will come together under one consortium manager in 2006. Decisions on roll size and funding allocations for 2007 will be made under this new system, and it is envisaged that this streamlined structure will ensure that programmes will operate in a more financially stable and viable climate.

The Community Development Advisor will continue to work with the Kimihia Adventure programme and Kimihia Youth Skills trust to ensure that funding and support avenues are fully explored for wrap around programmes associated with this initiative.

6. It is well documented that Linwood has a high proportion of 'at risk' youth. Discussion with a number of key youth agencies in preparation for writing this report (further detailed in the background section of this report) indicates that the Kimihia Adventure Programme has been successful in assisting a number of troubled youth to develop learning and accountability habits that have effected changes in attitudes and behaviours, leading to further education and/or employment. Refer to attachment 1.

7. The Kimihia Adventure Programme see the need for this programme to extend beyond the classroom and into the community. Staff work at developing close links with parents/caregivers, church and other youth and relevant community agencies to provide extra support for students outside of the classroom. In order to achieve these aims it is necessary for the Trust to access funding (other than that afforded by the MoE) for operational expenses. By provision of a facility specific to the needs of these young people funding may be accessed for: the continued employment of a wrap around social worker, the implementation of support programmes outside of educational requirements, and enabling the programme to work with parents, caregivers and other significant people.
8. The Kimihia Adventure Programme have 13 students enrolled and completing the 2005 year and 12 students enrolled in the programme for 2006.

#### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. There are no legal considerations to be considered.
10. While financial records examined indicated a Trust deficit of \$23,459 at the end of 2003, it shows recovery of that deficit to a \$10,858 surplus at the end of 2004. Examination of the summary cashbook predicts that the Trust will have worked to retain this surplus as at 31/12/2005.
11. Funding information received from the Trust states that Ministry of Education funding for the programme is as follows:

12 places @ \$11,100 each	133,200
Less 10% taken by the consortium school	13,320
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Less GST	13,333
<b>MoE Money available</b>	<b>106,668</b>

The projected budget of the Kimihia Adventure Programme for 2006 shows an expected expenditure of \$129,980 giving a deficit of \$23,313. Staffing, classroom materials, professional development, equipment, and reprographics total \$104,000, leaving a balance of \$2000 for operational expenses such as rent, power, telephone and internet, mileage and transport, security, cleaning and maintenance, food and activities (totalling \$25,980).

12. This funding does not include income or expenditure for any of the activities and/or staffing of the wrap around activity and social worker programmes, which are an integral part of this alternative education programme. Funding for these activities and support services are sourced through a number of charitable trusts, and it is evident from examination of the financial records of the Trust that great effort is made to access this financial support. The 2005 summary cashbook indicated funding received from the following Charitable Trusts:

Funding Body	Amount
The Community Trust	\$20,000.00
NZ Community Trust	\$1,000.00
Pub Charity	\$1,598.00
Ferrier Trust	\$675.00
Southern Trust	\$4,000.00

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Bendigo Valley	\$1,500.00
Eureka Trust	\$7,018.00
The Trust's Char Found	\$1,647.75
Maurice Carter Trust	\$1,000.00
Blogg Charitable Trust	\$600.00

13. Investigation of the CCC Community Funding Database revealed that the Kimihia programme has received \$25,000 funding over the last four years for social worker salaries and various programme costs and expenses.

Funding Stream	Year	Amount	Purpose
Community Board Discretionary Funding	2003/04	\$2,000	Purchase of van
Major Grants Funding	2004/05	\$20,000	Social worker Salary
Community Development Scheme	2003/04	\$1,000	Purchase of tramping packs
	2004/05	\$2,000	Youth social sport and rec. wrap-around programmes

14. There is currently a balance of \$30,122 in the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2005/06 Discretionary fund.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Board agree to allocate \$11,500 from its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund to the for the purpose of supporting a predicted shortfall in the Kimihia Youth Skills Trust (Kimihia Adventure programme [KAP]) operational expenses thus enabling the continued operation of an alternative education programme for the youth of the wider Linwood area.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board allocate \$11,500 from its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund.

## BACKGROUND ON THE KIMIHIA YOUTH SKILLS TRUST (KIMIHIA ADVENTURE PROGRAMME [KAP])

15. The Kimihia Adventure Programme was established under the Kimihia Youth Skills Trust in 2000. Operating from a house in Worchester Street, Linwood KAP is an effective Alternative Education facility, which provides a safe alternative education programme for 'at risk' from the wider Linwood community. KAP is a recognised alternative education facility, and as such, receives partial financial support from the Ministry of Education (MoE). Aranui High School acts as the consortium school for East Christchurch, and as such retains 10% of the MoE funding allocated to the KAP programme for administration.
16. The main goals of the Kimihia adventure programme are:
- To motivate students to participate in learning experiences.
  - To provide our students with sound educational basics.
  - To foster and develop self belief and confidence in our students that goes beyond the classroom.
  - To help our students develop essential survival skills (life skills) preparing them for life beyond school.

One of the main teaching strategies of the Kimihia Adventure Programme is the use of adventure and experiences in learning. The programme aims to provide relevant experiences that will engage and motivate students by providing real opportunities to develop essential life skills like trust, communication and co-operation. The programme further aims to offer students healthy, realistic recreational opportunities that will bring enjoyment and a sense of well being which can be continued beyond the programme.

17. Kimihia work with students who have been alienated from the mainstream education system. These students have often 'switched off' from school and lack the motivation and support required to succeed. Some of the common characteristics of the target group are:
- Absenteeism
  - Apathy
  - Fear of trying/low self esteem
  - Behavioural problems/ anger management issues
  - Contact with the Youth Justice System
18. Kimihia Adventure Programme transition successes are evident in information provided in a transition report provided. Refer to attachment 1.

For the purpose of this report a number of agencies directly involved in the support of at risk youth and /or young offenders in the Linwood area were contacted.

- (a) Andy Parr, [District Truancy Officer] expressed that low self esteem, resulting in a fear of labelling and alienation, is a key factor keeping young people away from mainstream education. In his opinion the Kimihia Adventure Programme has a proven record in assisting in a change process for 'at risk youth'. Kimihia is a last resort for a number of young people as every other education alternative has been tried. This programme acts as a bridge for a number of youth attending as the only alternative available is to sit at home until they are 16. Whilst this programme is not successful in re-integrating young people into the mainstream, he has seen those that he has referred to the programme 'turn around, doing things and feeling that they have a worthwhile future, self worth and confidence'. The Kimihia Adventure Programme is based locally and so also affords young people a sense of belonging. In Mr Parr's opinion the closure of this programme would definitely be a loss to the Linwood and wider community.
- (b) Craig Roberts, [Senior Constable Youth Aid, NZ Police] expressed full support for the Kimihia Adventure Programme. Youth Aid work closely with such programmes as Kimihia if and as appropriate within their role. Acceptance into the Kimihia programme has been a life turning experience for one young person recently supported into the programme. Attendance and wrap around support is keeping this young person off the streets and progress is being made toward change. Officers involved in truancy operations in this area note a decrease in burglaries during the hours of such operations.

- (c) Stefan Harris, [Linwood Community Constable, NZ Police] is fully supportive of the work of the Kimihia Adventure Programme. A number of young people attending the programme are at risk of straying into a life of crime. There are a number of success stories of interventions with young people attending the programme. For the young people attending the programme there is nowhere else to go as all other interventions and alternatives have been tried. The Kimihia programme gives these young people a reason to get out of bed in the morning, it gives them some direction in life and for some of these youth Kimihia have acted as a bridge between the young person and the police and enabled intervention and support away from serious situations.
19. The staff of the Kimihia Adventure Programme are members of the Inner City South East Youth Worker (I.C.S.E.Y) liaison group (a network of youth workers from across the Hagley/Ferrymead ward) and work with other youth agencies and organisations and the Community Development Advisor and Recreation Advisor to ensure collaborative sustainable support for 'at risk youth' in the wider Linwood area.
20. Support for this initiative aligns with the following:
- (a) LTCCP Outcomes:
- A learning city
  - A city of inclusive and diverse communities
  - A city of Healthy and Active people
  - A safe city
- (b) Community Board Objective
- An empowered and enabled community.
- (c) Consistent with:
- Youth Policy and Strategy,
  - Children's Policy and Strategy
  - Recreation strategy
  - Social Well Being Policy,
  - Community Policy,
  - Youth Policy and Strategy
  - Social Justice, Community Development and Social Issues

#### **OPTIONS**

21. The options relating to this request are as follows:
- (a) Grant \$11,500.00 for the purpose of supporting a predicted shortfall in the Kimihia Youth Skills Trust (Kimihia Adventure programme [KAP] ) operational expenses thus enabling the continued operation of an alternative education programme for the youth of the wider Linwood area.
- (b) Grant a portion of the amount requested.
- (c) Decline the application.

#### **PREFERRED OPTION**

22. Having assessed all options it is recommended that the preferred option, option a) be adopted in support of this application.