

## 9. APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek funding towards the costs of the following two community award functions:
  - Community Pride Garden Awards (March/April 2005)
  - Community Service Awards (May/June 2005)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Both the Garden Awards and Community Service Awards have been held on an annual basis since 1991, and are a way of acknowledging the work of those who contribute to their local community in a number of ways.
3. Funding is required to cover the costs involved in the functions at which the awards are presented, including the following:
  - Reply paid cards (Garden Awards only)
  - Venue hire (both)
  - Catering costs (both)
  - Printing of certificates (both)

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. These two functions are Board-funded events which occur on an annual basis, and in the past have been funded from Board discretionary funding. In future it is intended to apply for allocation of funding from the Board's Project Funds on an annual basis.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Agree to allocate the following amounts from its 2004/05 Discretionary Funds:
  - \$1,000 to the Community Pride Garden Awards
  - \$1,500 to the Community Service Awards

## **BACKGROUND ON APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

### **5. Community Pride Garden Awards**

First held in 1991, the Community Pride Garden Awards are a Council initiative to acknowledge the work of residential gardeners who, by their efforts, have contributed to Christchurch's garden city image. The awards encourage local residents to beautify their streets and garden frontages.

6. All six of the city's Community Boards take part in the garden awards, with property selection made on their behalf in each ward in January by the Christchurch Beautifying Association.
7. The owners of gardens selected are presented with a certificate which acknowledges the effort and contribution they have made.

### **Community Service Awards**

8. Each year the Board recognises some of the special people in the district who are working towards strengthening and developing the local community, through the presentation of Community Service Awards. The awards are presented to people who have contributed their time and energy to voluntary services benefiting residents or organisations in the Shirley/Papanui community, in one or more of the following areas:
  - Physical well-being
  - Children, youth and education
  - Physical environment
  - Social and economic well-being
9. Since the awards were first presented in 1991, over 170 individuals and organisation in the Shirley/Papanui area have received a Community Service Award.

## **ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS**

10. This application for funding aligns with the Council's Social Well-being Policy (People participate in community life and have a sense of belonging and identity).
11. It also aligns with the following Community Board objective:
  - To promote a Safe, Healthy Community (encourage community pride in the Board areas)
12. Furthermore, it helps to meet the following objective of the Long Term Council Community Plan:
  - A Cultural and Fun City (Our people value leisure time and recognise that arts and leisure pursuits contribute to identity, connectedness and well-being).