

## 6. SHARP TRUST – 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 from the SHARP (Spreydon Holiday, After-school and Recreation Programmes) Trust – for \$2,500 from the Board's 2004/2005 Discretionary Fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board at its last meeting requested background information on SHARP and the programmes they run in order to make an informed decision about the group's funding request.
3. The SHARP Trust have recently added children's holiday camps ("Kids Camps") to the list of services they provide to the local community. These camps provide holiday care for children who are nominated by the Principal of their school as "needing a holiday". The camps are one week long with two camps planned for this year. \$2,500 is requested to assist with the cost of staff wages from a total programme cost of \$36,186.

### BACKGROUND ON SHARP TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

4. SHARP has been operating as a Charitable Trust since 1999. Its purpose is to serve the local families by providing quality low-cost out-of-school care. The activities and services they provide include:
  - Before School Care
  - After School Care: five programmes for children aged between five and 13 years
  - Holiday Programmes: five programmes catering for 120 children per week for eight weeks of the year
  - Kids Camps
5. Council support towards SHARP over the past two years has been through Board Project Funding as follows:

Funding Stream	Year	Amount	Purpose
Community Board Project Funds:	2003/2004	\$10,130	Staff costs (After School Programme)
	2004/2005	\$14,625	Staff costs (After School Programme)
	2004/2005	\$5,000	Staff costs (Holiday Programme)

6. The SHARP Trust employ three full-time staff and six part-time staff which equates to 220 hours per week. In addition there are 12 casual staff employed totalling 64 hours per week. They have 110 volunteers who assist with this work which equates to an estimated 420 hours per week.
7. The Trust has developed strong relationships with families and schools in the area. The number of programmes that the Trust operates is increasing in response to community need. This new programme demonstrates this responsiveness.

### OPTIONS

8. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to;
  - (a) Grant \$2,500 to SHARP – to assist with the cost of staff wages for "Kids Camps"
  - (b) Grant a portion of the amount requested
  - (c) Decline the application.

**PREFERRED OPTION**

9. Given that the outcomes of SHARP align significantly with Community Outcomes, Council Policies and Community Board Objectives, the preferred option is to grant the amount requested. The group has a stable history, they have developed good relationships with schools in the area and have strong support from the Spreydon Baptist Church. Funds are sourced for the programmes they deliver from a wide range of funding providers.
10. In conclusion, the SHARP Trust has developed over the past six years in response to community need and this new programme will provide targeted children from the area with a much-needed "holiday" experience. In addition, the Trust's outcomes align strongly with desired Council and Community Board outcomes.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$2,500 from its 2004/05 Discretionary Fund to SHARP for the purpose of assisting with the cost of staff wages for the "Kids Camp" programme.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the officer's recommendation be supported.