

## 5. ST NICHOLAS YOUTH TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to the application from St Nicholas Youth Trust for \$6,000 from the Board's 2004/2005 Discretionary Fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### The Issue

2. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board requested an officer's report at its 19 April 2005 meeting to assist with the St Nicholas Youth Trust's application for discretionary funding.
3. St Nicholas Youth Trust has an urgent shortfall in funding for Youth Worker wages as from April 2005 to June 2005.

### BACKGROUND ON ST NICHOLAS YOUTH TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

4. St Nicholas Youth Trust has been operating as a Charitable Trust since 2001 and its purpose is to provide leadership, direction and resources to assist and help youth in the South West Christchurch Community. St Nicholas Youth Trust work with young people, in particular disadvantaged and at-risk youth. The youth activities and services provided include:
  - Mid week Youth Group 10-12 year olds
  - Friday Youth Group for 13-18 year olds
  - A mentoring scheme
  - Mentoring and creative development programme in two local schools. Drama, dance, art and administration support for school and school children, and in particular, children with high needs
  - Somerfield fun day.
5. Council support towards St Nicholas Youth Trust over the past two to three years has been through Board Project funding and through the Community Development Scheme.

Funding Stream	Year	Amount	Purpose
Community Development Scheme	2002/03	\$2,500 \$2,000	Friday night Youth Group. Youth mentoring project.
	2003/04	Nil	
Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Project Funds	2003/04	\$9,500	Youth groups and mentoring project.
	2004/05	\$6,650	Mentoring and the Somerfield community fun day.
	2005/06	\$7,000	Mentoring and youth workers' wages.

6. St Nicholas Youth Trust is presently working with a total of 80-90 young people in the South West Christchurch area. The Trust has developed good working relationships with two local schools, namely West Spreydon and Somerfield.
7. St Nicholas Youth Trust employs four part-time workers which equates to 60 hours per week. There are 10-12 volunteers who assist with this work. The total annual cost of this project is \$34,700. This cost includes Co-ordinator wages for the mentoring programme, Youth Worker wages, supervision and training, youth group and mentoring expenses. This funding request is urgent and relates to a shortfall in wages for the Youth Worker and is to cover the next three month period April through to June 2005. The shortfall has arisen from missing a funding application round at the end of last year. In addition, the Trust received less funding from another source last year. It is currently applying to other funding sources to assist with the shortfall. However, it will be June 2005 before these other funding sources release monies. The Trust is also fundraising and seeking private sponsorship. The Trust is requesting \$6,000 to cover the funding shortfall until June 2005.

## **OPTIONS**

8. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to:
- (a) Grant \$6,000 to St Nicholas Youth Trust – for contribution towards Youth Worker salary.
  - (b) Grant a portion of the amount requested.
  - (c) Decline the application.

## **PREFERRED OPTION**

9. The outcomes of St Nicholas Youth Trust align with Community Outcomes, Council Policies and Community Board Objectives. St Nicholas Youth Trust has a stable history over the past four to five years. However, the Trust does already receive good financial support from the Board and Council. It is recommended that \$4,000 be allocated towards the shortfall. This level of funding will assist the Trust to cover the shortfall for the period identified.
10. In conclusion, St Nicholas Youth Trust has developed a youth service in the South West Christchurch area over the past four years in response to community need.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$4,000 from its 2004/2005 Discretionary Fund to St Nicholas Youth Trust for the purpose of Youth Worker wages.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be supported.