

6. WALTHAM 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 Waltham Youth Trust for \$2,879.24 from the Board's 2004/2005 Discretionary Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Issue

2. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board requested background information on Waltham Youth Trust and the programmes they run in order to make an informed decision.
3. The Waltham Youth Trust have recently been gifted free rent of a house for a period of at least one year at 103 Waltham Road, as a facility for meetings and activities for both adult groups and youth groups. Some basic equipment is needed to furnish the house. Currently the furnishings are borrowed and/or old and in a poor state of repair. The full cost of the furnishings have been requested, which are to be purchased new.

BACKGROUND ON WALTHAM YOUTH TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

4. Waltham Youth Trust has been operating since 1999 and became a Charitable Trust in 2001. Its purpose is to serve youth and their families in the Waltham area by providing services and programmes to help meet their needs and empower them for positive change. Waltham Trust work with young people and their families in this low socio-economic area, in particular disadvantaged and at-risk youth. The activities and services they provide include:
 - “Get Real” mentoring programme at Waltham school
 - “Get Real” mentoring programme at Te Kura Whakapuma
 - “Xplode” Holiday Programme for 8-12 year olds
 - Holiday Programme camps
 - “Ground Zero” drop in centre
 - Lunchtime supervision at Waltham school
 - After-school programme
 - Girls group
 - Girls and boys and adults “Home Groups”
 - Day trips
 - Leadership development group training
 - Music group.

5. Council support towards Waltham Youth Trust over the past two years has been through Board Project funding as follows:

| Funding Stream | Year | Amount | Purpose |
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| Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Project Funds: | 2003/2004 | \$7,700 | Holiday programmes and camps |
| | 2003/2004 | \$5,000 | “Get Real” programme |
| | 2004/2005 | \$8000 | Holiday programmes and camps |
| | 2004/2005 | \$5000 | “Get Real” programme |

6. Presently, Waltham Youth Trust is working with a total of 250 young people in the Waltham area from a variety of cultures. The Trust has developed strong relationships with schools in the area.
7. Waltham Youth Trust employs three full-time youth workers and one part-time manager which equates to 128 hours per week. There are 25 volunteers who also assist with this work.

8. The number of programmes that the Trust operates is increasing, and the need for additional meeting space was recently solved by the addition of the Waltham Road property. The house is currently being used for meetings for youth and adults for groups of up to 30 people, and is in need of appropriate furnishings.

OPTIONS

9. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to:
 - (a) Grant \$2,879.24 to Waltham Youth Trust – to furnish the property on Waltham Road.
 - (b) Grant a portion of the amount requested.
 - (c) Decline the application.

PREFERRED OPTION

10. Given that the outcomes of Waltham Youth Trust align significantly with Community Outcomes, Council Policies and Community Board Objectives the preferred option is to grant a significant amount of the amount requested. The Trust has a stable history, has developed good relationships with schools in the area and has strong support from the Opawa Baptist Church. Funds are sourced for the programmes they deliver from a wide range of funding providers.
11. In conclusion, Waltham Youth Trust has developed over the past six years in response to community need and this facility will provide a good base for their activities and programmes. In addition, the Trust's outcomes align well with desired Council and Community Board outcomes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board allocate \$2,000 from its 2004/2005 Discretionary Fund to Waltham Youth Trust for the purpose of furnishing the property at 103 Waltham Road.

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