

9. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING COMMITTEE – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the allocation of up to \$10,000 of its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Funding Committee, to enable the Committee to meet the demand for funds from the current round of eligible applications received.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Community Funding Committee considers applications for funding to support community development projects. The Committee is made up of two Board members, and four community representatives who have a good collective knowledge of their community and those groups who are making application to the Scheme.
3. Each year the funding requests from community organisations to this Committee exceed the funds available to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Funding Committee.
4. For this year's funding round the Committee has \$43,182 of Council funds to distribute to community groups. Earlier this year the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board also allocated \$10,000 from its 2005/06 Project Funds to increase this amount to \$53,182. This year, however, there has been an increase in the number of funding applications, and in the event of the Committee deciding that all eligible applications should be funded, and to the full amounts, the funds available will not be adequate to meet the demand. There is a total of 50 applications.
5. Although the Committee does not actually meet to allocate its funds until Tuesday 15 November, it has already held a preliminary discussion, and at this stage it is likely that the total level of funds required to fully fund all eligible requests will be \$60,000.
6. If the Committee has additional funding of up to \$10,000 available from the Board, it will provide flexibility to ensure that the Committee can, if it decides to do so, allocate funds for all the eligible applications and to the full amounts. If the Committee does not have this additional funding, it is likely that either some eligible projects will not be funded, or some will be funded at reduced levels.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal considerations.
8. The current balance of the Board's Discretionary Fund is \$45,182.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board resolves to provide up to \$10,000 from its 2005/06 Discretionary Funds to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Funding Committee, to enable the Committee to fund (if it wishes to do so) all of the eligible applications for community development projects that have been submitted under the Community Development Scheme.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.