

3. BURNSIDE ELIM CHURCH – FUNDING APPLICATION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to an application for funding from the Burnside Elim Church for \$7,500 from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board's 2005/06 Discretionary funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This application is seeking funding to assist with the development of an outdoor play area for the Creative Capers Playgroup. The funding requested will enable the group to erect a galvanised fence above the existing concrete fence on Cranbrook Avenue which is too low to provide a safe play area for pre-schoolers. The installing of a gate at the end of the ramp will also be included as part of this project.
3. The funding will also cover the cost of purchasing and installing a shed to store the play equipment.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. The organisation has applied for funding that can be sourced from the Board's 2005/06 Discretionary fund.
5. The total cost of the planned upgrade is approximately \$21,000 .The church will be undertaking significant fundraising to achieve their goal as they have not sought funding from other sources at this stage. The project will be broken into stages to complete. Stage one for the project will incorporate the fence , gate and shed which will enable the area to be used by the children immediately. Fortunately, enough people from within the congregation are prepared to donate their time which will reduce labour costs of the project.

Previous funding from the Board is listed below:

Year	Fund	Purpose	Amount
2004/05	Board Discretionary Fund	Establishment of Creative Capers Playgroup	\$700

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

Approve the application for funding for the Burnside Elim Church and allocate \$7,500 from its 2005/06 Discretionary funds, for the outdoor play area.

BACKGROUND

6. In February 2005 Creative Capers Playgroup was established at Burnside Elim Church with a small grant from the Community Board's 04/05 Discretionary Fund. This playgroup has grown to accommodate approximately 25 families but is currently restricted to only having the indoor area of the church hall for their use.
7. The church are undertaking a project to establish an outdoor play area which includes:
 - upgrading fence on Cranbrook Avenue including a gate at the end of the existing ramp
 - modifying existing ramp and step gradient to suit pre-schoolers
 - concreting edges around the new playground
 - tree and shrub removal
 - creating new entrance to the playground area from the church hall
 - painting of existing fence
 - purchase of a shed to contain play equipment
 - purchase of playground equipment
 - erecting of two shade cloths to protect children from the sun

8. The total cost of the planned upgrade is approximately \$21,000 which the church will need to undertake significant fundraising to achieve. The project will be broken into stages to complete. The fence, gate, and the shed are stage one for the project as these additions will mean the area can begin to be used by the children immediately. Fortunately, enough people from within the congregation are prepared to donate their time which will reduce labour costs of the project.
9. The addition to the existing concrete fence has been checked out by Council staff and due to the nature of the addition it does not require any building consent.
10. The Burnside Elim Church is very active within the local community and they are also part of the Burnside Community Transformation Trust which employs a community worker for the Burnside area.

OPTIONS

12. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to:
 - a) grant \$7,500 to the Burnside Elim Church
 - b) grant a portion of the amount requested
 - c) decline the application