

8. PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT - FUNDING APPLICATION FROM THE 2005/06 SCAP FUND

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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 Presbyterian Support for \$1,215 from the Board's 2005/06 SCAP fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Presbyterian Support - Upper South Island have made an application for funding to the Board for \$1,215 to provide a 'Parenting with Confidence' programme starting in October 2005 targeted at low income families in the Fendalton/Waimairi area with pre-school children.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. The organisation has applied for funding which is appropriately funded from the Board's 2005/06 Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) fund. There is currently \$40,000 unallocated in this fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended:

That the Board approve the application for funding from Presbyterian Support and allocate \$1,215 from its 2005/06 SCAP fund.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the above recommendation be adopted.

BACKGROUND

4. Presbyterian Support - Upper South Island are acting as an umbrella organisation for the St Stephen's Family and Community Worker, Marcel van der Weerden, to request funding from the Board for a 'Parenting with Confidence' programme.
5. The Board currently provides financial support for the Family and Community Worker's position through Board project funds.
6. The Family and Community Worker's main role is to provide counselling to families within the Fendalton Waimairi area, particularly low income families in the Bryndwr area. This has grown to a full client load and the main issue his clients are presenting with is parenting challenges of various kinds.
7. To respond to this identified need the Family and Community Worker wishes to support these parents by providing an accessible parenting programme targeted at parents of pre-schoolers.
8. The 'Parenting with Confidence' programme has been chosen due to the high quality material included and it is also a nationally recognised programme which may make it more attractive to parents.
9. The course runs over a six week period with one three hourly session each week. The standard course fees for this programme range between \$60 to \$90. The funding they are requesting will reduce this fee to \$10 which will make the course a great deal more accessible to the parents they wish to target. There will be 14 places available on this course for parents.
10. Childcare is also a barrier which stops families from attending these courses. This funding will also provide childcare for the parents during course time.
11. The total cost of the project is \$2,315 of which the organisation will contribute \$1,100 and are requesting \$1,215 from the Board to cover the use of the Parenting with Confidence Course fee and childcare costs.

OPTIONS

12. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to:
 - a) grant \$1,215 to Presbyterian Support for the purpose of running a parenting programme
 - b) grant a portion of the amount requested
 - c) decline the application