

### 3. BROOMFIELD/HEI HEI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - FUNDING REQUEST

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| <b>General Manager responsible:</b> | General Manager Community Services                           |
| <b>Officer responsible:</b>         | Lesley Symington, Community and Recreation Unit Manager      |
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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request financial assistance totalling \$738.25 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board 2005/06 Community Initiatives Fund. This will assist the Broomfield/Hei Hei Community Development Project to purchase a new computer and printer for the ongoing support and administration of the project.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Broomfield/Hei Hei Community Development Project is situated in the Broomfield/Hei Hei area, which experiences high levels of poverty and social isolation. The Project, a partnership between Christchurch City Council and Anglican Care, is undertaking a range of community initiatives in response to identified local social needs.
3. The request seeks funding to purchase a new computer and printer for the ongoing support and administration of the project. This will replace the current computer and printer which are over ten years old and have become unreliable and costly to maintain. The total cost of the computer is \$1,388.25. The amount being requested is \$738.25

#### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. The project currently receives funding from the Community Board:
  - (a) \$7,500 paid to the project account for costs related to the running of programmes and activities.
  - (b) \$7,500 paid to Anglican Care for assisting with operational costs related to Broomfield/Hei Hei Project. These include supervision, administration, travel and professional development of the Community Worker.
5. The project also receives \$30,000 from the Social Initiatives Fund (Metropolitan) for the salary of the Community Worker. The Community Development Project has sourced \$650 from Family and Community (Community Development Division of Anglican Care) towards the purchase of the computer/printer and seeks Community Board assistance for the rest of the cost.

## **BACKGROUND ON BROOMFIELD/HEI HEI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

6. Broomfield/Hei Hei Community Development Project was initiated in 1998 after research identified social isolation as one of the key problems in the area. The Project is currently undertaking a range of community initiatives in response to identified local social needs. The Project is based on Community Development principles of community participation in deciding what activities are suitable.
7. The following group activities have been initiated by the Project: craft group, cooking group, variety group, walking group, gently exercise group, play group. These activities have strengthened relationships among the community members and have improved self esteem of individuals. Monthly Community Lunches offered by the Project are an opportunity for people to meet, interact and support each other.
8. Broomfield/Hei Hei Community Development Project works closely with other agencies in running courses such as parenting classes and car battery maintenance. The project has also become a local contact for the Community Energy Action Curtain Bank.
9. The Project is a great asset to the Broomfield/Hei Hei community as people have been able to overcome isolation and feel a sense of belonging and acceptance. The Development Project, through its various activities and functions, has managed to break social barriers, creating connectedness amongst its community members. It is proving to have a positive impact on the lives of the community involved with the project.
10. The Project inherited a second hand computer and printer from Anglican Care. This equipment has been in use for the past 10 years and has outlived its lifespan. A new computer and printer will go a long way in ensuring efficient running of the Project.

## **OPTIONS**

11. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to:
  - (a) Grant \$738.25 from the Community Initiatives Fund 2005/06 to purchase a computer and printer for the ongoing support and administration of Broomfield/Hei Hei Community Development Project.
  - (b) Decline the application

## **PREFERRED OPTION**

12. The recommended option is to fund the Broomfield/Hei Hei Community Development Project for the remainder of costs associated with the purchase of a new computer/printer. The Project continues to have a positive impact on the lives of people in the area. A new computer will add to the efficient running of the different programmes. The project activities are in alignment with the Community Board objectives "To work with local communities and community organisations to increase their capacity" and LTCCP outcomes "A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities; City of Healthy and Active People; A Learning City"

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board allocates \$738.25 from the Community Initiatives Fund 05/06 towards the purchase of a new computer and printer for the ongoing running of the project activities and general administration of the Project

## **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.