

7. JUNIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT – FUNDING REQUEST

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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 Neighbourhood Support Canterbury for \$5,000 from the Board's 2005/2006 Discretionary Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Neighbourhood Support Canterbury is seeking financial support to employ a Co-ordinator to establish and manage a Junior Neighbourhood Support programme.
3. Junior Neighbourhood Support works within primary schools and aims to promote a sense of pride, safety and community spirit in children. Children are recognised for such actions as helping neighbours, cleaning up local community facilities including graffiti and rubbish, noting dangerous situations that could result in accidents, and being aware of and reporting suspicious activities.
4. This project is in partnership with Rotary, New Zealand Police, and the New Zealand Fire Service.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. The organisation has applied for funding that can be sourced from the Board's 2005/2006 Discretionary Fund and has made application for this project to all six community boards. However, as this project does cover more than one ward, the Board may feel it more appropriate for the organisation to apply for Metropolitan funding.
6. The Co-ordinator's role will be to establish at least one Junior Neighbourhood Support programme in each of the Council's six community board areas; hence the request for a contribution of \$5,000 from each community board.
7. The total cost of the project is \$33,000 with Neighbourhood Support Canterbury and Rotary also providing prizes and rewards for this project (worth approximately \$2,000).
8. Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Inc's latest audited accounts (to 30 June 2005) show an annual expenditure of approximately \$71,000 and a surplus of approximately \$28,600. Their cash reserves at the end of June 2005 are over \$71,000.
9. There are no legal implications for the Board in relation to this application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board decline the application and refer it to the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee so that it may be considered as an application for a city-wide service.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

To grant \$5,000 to Neighbourhood Support Canterbury to pilot a Junior Neighbourhood Support programme in the Shirley/Papanui area.

BACKGROUND

10. Neighbourhood Support Canterbury was registered as an Incorporated Society in 2001 with the aim of establishing and maintaining Neighbourhood Support groups in Christchurch.
11. Junior Neighbourhood Support was initially set up in West Auckland through West Auckland Neighbourhood Support and West Harbour Rotary. This programme was named one of the top five international Rotary supported programmes in 2004. It has been adopted in England, Australia, and Fiji, and is being rolled out in other areas around New Zealand.
12. The key tasks and responsibilities of the Junior Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator will include:
 - Initiating contact with schools and setting up programmes
 - Delivering the programme to the school
 - Completing all administrative responsibilities associated with the delivery of the programme
 - Liaise with Police, Fire Service and Rotary
 - Attend reward presentations
 - Report regularly to Canterbury Neighbourhood Support committee.

OPTIONS

13. In relation to this application the Board could choose to:
 - (a) Grant \$5,000 to Neighbourhood Support Canterbury.
 - (b) Grant a portion of the amount requested.
 - (c) Decline the application.
 - (d) Refer the application to the Council's Metropolitan Fund.

PREFERRED OPTION

14. This project is a metropolitan project, hence Option d) above is the preferred option.