

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD TRUST – FUNDING REQUEST

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding to the Shirley/Papanui Community Board from the Neighbourhood Trust. The Trust is requesting \$10,700 to help set up a Parenting Centre.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Neighbourhood Trust has been operating in Mairehau/St Albans for over six years. They have been very effective in providing that community with a variety of services, programmes and events. They have also undertaken to operate two OSCAR programmes (at Glenmoor and Hammersley Park Schools).
3. The Trust has been a strong supporter of Parenting Week since its inception. Following on from this involvement and their other community work, the Trust now wishes to establish a Parenting Centre to further support parents and provide them with information and skills in the raising of their children.
4. This application for funding helps to meet Community Board objectives and many of the outcomes of the LTCCP.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a grant of \$10,700 be allocated to Neighbourhood Trust to help with the establishment of a Parenting Centre.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND

5. This application for funding arises from a deputation made by Neighbourhood Trust to the Community Board in December 2005. During that deputation the desire to set up a Parenting Centre was presented which gained favourable acceptance by the Board.
6. Neighbourhood Trust was established in 1999, building on the work that had been done by the St Albans Baptist Church in McFaddens Road. Since then the Trust has grown to be the major provider of community support and services in the northern St Albans and Mairehau areas. Its activities include: community events at Easter, a Family Fireworks Extravaganza, Christmas food parcels, bus trips for the elderly, running of two after-school programmes, Mainly Music, visiting Retirement Homes, craft groups and parenting programmes.
7. Neighbourhood Trust has been a strong supporter of Parenting Week for a number of years and has run highly successful workshops, events and programmes during those weeks. They have also followed up on issues arising from these activities with parents and families that have shown the need for further assistance.
8. As a result of its involvement in Parenting Week and their local community work, the Trust has identified the need for a first step intervention programme designed to enhance parenting skills and to provide an ongoing support network for parents.
9. During the next twelve months Neighbourhood Trust envisages a two-stage development. Stage 1 will involve employing someone for three months to research the specific needs of parents with children in the 0-7 year old age group. This research will then inform their programming, which could include courses, seminars, counselling and the setting up of support networks. Skills included in the activities would include general parenting skills as well as budgeting and nutrition (with an emphasis on healthy eating on a limited income). Stage 2 will involve the setting up costs of the programme. The ongoing running costs of the Parenting Centre cannot be determined until the specific requirements of the programmes are determined from the research.
10. Neighbourhood Trust has identified three key goals for the Parenting Centre:-
 - To empower parents with parenting skills necessary for the well-being of their children, plus the effective setting of boundaries of their children's safety.
 - To provide skills that enable parents/caregivers to provide the necessities of life.
 - To provide a sound parenting base to ensure good parenting skills that can be inter-generational.
11. Copies of the Parenting Centre Vision and Job Descriptions are circulated for further information.
12. This project helps to meet the following Community Board objectives:-
 - To engage and support local communities to increase their capacity and participation in community issues, activities and projects/initiatives.
 - To resource and encourage the development of sustainable community initiatives which respond to and meet community needs.
13. The project also contributes towards the following LTCCP outcomes:-
 - A Safe City by helping to prevent family violence and abuse.
 - A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities by helping to ensure a sense of belonging and participation in family and community life.
 - A Healthy City by teaching healthy ways of living.
 - A City of Lifelong Learning by enabling people to learn new skills and knowledge.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

14. The budget for the Parenting Centre's first two stages is: -

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Wages	8,100
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Resources	1,600
Office/Administration	1,500
Management support	1,000
Training costs	400
	<u>\$13,600</u>

15. The Trust is seeking a grant of \$10,700 and plan to cover the remaining costs via:-

User fees	500
Donations	500
Trust funds	1,900
	<u>\$2,900</u>

16. The latest accounts of the Trust (to 31 December 2005) show a surplus of \$1,000 from an operating budget of \$58,500. This compares with a surplus the previous year of just over \$3,000. The Trust has Net Assets of almost \$27,000 with \$5,400 of this being Fixed Assets.

17. The Trust has received the following grants from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board in the past three years.

2003/04	\$10,000 towards Community Worker salary
2004/05	\$10,000 towards Community Worker salary \$15,000 towards setting up and operating Glenmoor OSCAR programme
2005/06	\$10,000 towards Community Worker salary \$10,000 towards the costs of Glenmoor OSCAR \$10,000 towards the costs of Hammersley Park OSCAR

18. The Trust has had the following grants from the Community Development Scheme in the past three years:-

2004/05	\$5,000 towards Community Worker salary \$5,000 towards setting up and operating Glenmoor OSCAR programme
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OPTIONS

19. The Community Board has three options available:-

- (a) To allocate a grant of the full amount that the Trust is seeking (i.e. \$10,700).
- (b) To allocate a partial grant.
- (c) To decline the application.

PREFERRED OPTION

20. Option (a) above is preferred for the following reasons:-

- Neighbourhood Trust has a well established record in working within the local community.
- Neighbourhood Trust has effectively participated in Parenting Week since its inception.
- Neighbourhood Trust has a sound administrative base from which to undertake this project.
- This project builds on the work that the Trust has been doing in the area as well as recognising the need for ongoing support for parents in raising children.