

14. CROSS OVER TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present an urgent funding request from Cross Over Trust for funding towards the salary of two Youth Workers. Cross Over Trust provide services for “at risk” youth and their families in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward. They are seeking a total of \$20,000. There is currently \$5,489 remaining in the Board’s 2005/06 discretionary fund and the SCAP fund has a current balance of \$16,966.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Since November 2005 Cross Over Trust have submitted over \$60,000 worth of applications to various pub charities for funding. Unfortunately they have all been declined. Over the past 3-4 years Cross Over Trust has received funding from these sources. The funding received in the past equates to approximately 12-28% of their funding base. Short-term funding options are limited. Funding for the two youth worker positions runs out on 14 April 2006. Whilst other funding applications and processes are in hand there is no funding for salaries for two Youth Workers.
3. St Martin’s Youth Trust have recently returned unused funding totalling \$2,294.50. This funding is now available for reallocation (received 3 April 2006). Board members will recall the St Martin’s Youth Trust went through major change last year and reevaluated their involvement in youth work. The money being returned was allocated towards youth worker salaries and activities. This work is currently on hold, hence the return of the funding.
4. Cross Over Trust have been operating since 1989 and became incorporated in 1991. They work holistically. The activities and services currently provide include:
 - Manaakitanga Club programmes.
 - Social skill based activities.
 - General youth work support & advocacy.
 - Adventure based programme learning (supporting challenging 8-12 year olds).
 - School and home support services.
 - Mentoring.
 - Family support work.
5. The funding shortfall impacts on two key youth workers and the geographic areas of Sydenham, Addington and Spreydon. This will affect five of seven programmes currently running which equates to 35 families and 90 referred youth. Cross Over Trust is currently looking at funding strategies and service provision to prevent this shortfall from occurring again.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal considerations.
7. The funding required is for youth worker salaries. Funding is required to retain these key workers. Cross Over Trust are committed to maintaining their level of service to the community. The Community Trust is also being approached for support in relation to this urgent application. The next available funding source for salaries is Lottery in June 2006.
8. The Council has provided financial support to Cross Over Trust over the past 10 years. This has been through the Community Development Scheme, the Board’s project funding and discretionary fund. Most grants have been under \$5,000.

9. Audited accounts for the previous year have been sited. Current accounts are with their auditor. Funds on hand total \$17,831.57. Other funding yet to come in totals \$15,000, but will not be available until August 2006. The organisation has funds to operate but no salary funding available until August 2006.
10. Returned funding from St Martin's Youth Trust totals \$2,294.50. This funding was from the Board's project fund and was allocated for youth work.

BACKGROUND ON CROSS OVER TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

11. Cross Over Trust has been operating in the Spreydon community for 17 years. The services they provide have grown over the years to meet the needs of the community. They now run four Manaakitangi clubs per year for 10-15 year olds. They work with six local schools through referrals from either school Principals, teachers, health nurses or other agencies such as Lifelinks. They also provide a range of support and services such as recreation, youth adventure, leadership programmes, and the weekly Manaakitangi club. They now also deliver a youth specific project in Rowley. They employ 3.5 Youth Workers, a Manager, a family worker position, a counsellor working one day a week, and 22 volunteers, working with 150 youth and their families.
12. The two youth worker positions are key to youth services and programme delivery in Addington, Sydenham and Spreydon. Without salary funding there will be a loss of service, and the needs of these youth and families will not be met. Cross Over Trust provide a wrap service with the youth and families they work primarily with disadvantaged youth and their families providing preventative interventions, issues and concerns are identified as well as problem solving strategies and solutions working from a strengths based model.
13. The Manager and Trustees are looking at long term funding strategies to help prevent this from occurring in the future.
14. The Cross Over Trust service also aligns significantly with Community Outcomes, Council policies and community Board Objectives. Cross Over Trust contribute to the following Community outcomes:

A Learning City, A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities, A City of Healthy and Active People, A Safe City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Notes that the St Martin's Youth Trust has returned \$2, 294.50.
- (b) Allocates \$5,000 from its discretionary fund to the Cross Over Trust for the two youth worker salaries.
- (c) Refers the application to the SCAP Committee's May meeting for consideration of additional funding support.

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.