

8. SPORT & RECREATION FUNDING APPLICATIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present applications for funding to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At the 2006/07 final project funding allocation meeting, the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board declined a bid put forward by staff to support a Sport & Recreation Fund.
3. The Board indicated they would remain open to receiving and considering applications via the Board Discretionary Fund during the year.
4. A number of applications have been received by the Community Recreation Advisor. The applications presented in the body of this report are from metropolitan groups whose members come from all over Christchurch. As there is currently no Metropolitan Sport & Recreation Fund, the Community Recreation Advisors Team agreed to present the Metropolitan applications to their respective funding assessment committees for consideration.
5. This is the first time applications for funding for sport and recreation projects have been presented to the Community Board in the current financial year.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The Board currently has a balance of approximately \$40,000 in its Discretionary Fund.

Group	Project/Funding requested for	Total Amount of Project	Total Amount requested per ward	Amount Recommended
NZ National Tai Chi Chillan Association	Seeking funds to develop teaching skills plus purchase of uniforms and equipment.	\$2,000	\$333	\$266
Surf Lifesaving Canterbury Inc.	Winter Surf Alive Programme to provide training and development opportunity for young lifeguards.	\$19,215	\$333	\$300
Shahin Volleyball Team – United Afghan Association	Seeking funds for equipment and a playing strip.	\$2,500	\$333	\$210
Union Rowing Club	To upgrade and purchase safety equipment, 2 CB radios, 3 life jackets and 2 fire extinguishers.	\$1,250	\$250	\$250
Polish Association in Christchurch Inc.	Purchase equipment to foster the growth of a Polish soccer league in Christchurch.	\$2,131.71	\$250	\$250
Canterbury Nordic Walking Trainers (CNNT)	Establish a new Nordic Walking group in the Cashmere area. Purchase poles and train one volunteer to teach new club members.	\$3,459	\$1,859	\$1,704
Total request				\$2,980

BACKGROUND ON SPORT & RECREATION FUNDING APPLICATIONS

NZ National Tai Chi Chillan Association

7. This is a metropolitan application; therefore this application will be split over six wards. The funding has been requested towards the cost of training and developing new instructors and purchasing new uniforms and equipment.
8. This organisation works with 2,000 plus people throughout the year, of mixed age groups but predominantly older adults. There is a shortage of Tai Chi instructors in Christchurch, hence this funding will assist to train new instructors.

Surf Life Saving Canterbury Inc.

9. This is a metropolitan application; therefore this application will be split over six wards. The funding has been requested towards training costs for young lifeguards to complete the Surf Alive training programme.
10. The club is within the Burwood/Pegasus ward boundaries, however, lifeguards come from all over Christchurch. This training programme is managed on behalf of all the Surf Life Saving Clubs in the Canterbury region – this way everyone comes out with standardised qualifications. The whole community benefits from the work of Christchurch's surf lifesavers.
11. Burwood/Pegasus was the first funding assessment committee to receive this application and funded \$500. The total funding requested in this application was \$2000, hence the remaining \$1,500 has been split amongst the five other wards.

Shahin Volleyball Team – United Afghan Association

12. Members of this team come from all over Christchurch, therefore this application has been split over six ward areas. The United Afghan Association has recently established this team. They use the facilities at Hagley High School. The team is seeking funds to purchase equipment and a playing strip.
13. All equipment will remain the property of the Association not the players. The funding of uniforms is an item that some funding assessment committees support but not others. Financial information for this group has not been supplied.

Union Rowing Club

14. This club is a metropolitan club with members coming from all over Christchurch, therefore this application is being split over six wards. This club is seeking financial assistance to upgrade and acquire new safety equipment. This equipment is essential to safeguard members, both current and prospective.
15. This club has substantial funds on hand with the majority being tagged for the upgrade of their existing club facilities. Quotes for anticipated equipment purchases have not been sighted.

Polish Association in Christchurch Inc.

16. This is a metropolitan group, therefore this application is being split over six wards. This group is seeking \$1,500 funding towards the costs of purchasing a team uniform and gear bags to foster the growth of a Polish soccer league in Christchurch. One third of the soccer team resides in the Spreydon/Heathcote ward area.
17. This team was established in 1999 and competes in the Summer Soccer League, Ethnic Soccer Festival and Masters Games. The team has no strip of its own and is seeking funds to purchase a strip that provides cultural identity for the team.

Canterbury Nordic Walking Trainers (CNNT)

18. This is a new group wanting to establish in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward. This group is also setting up in other areas of Christchurch. There are currently two groups operating, one in Sumner and one in Hagley Park.

19. Nordic Walking allows for the same total body workout as cross country skiing without having to be on the snow. Nordic Walking builds cardiovascular fitness, strengthens legs, glutes and the upper body. Nordic walking is most suitable for older adults, people with disabilities and is the most suitable sport for rehabilitation after sports injuries.
20. The cost of setting up a group in this area is approximately \$3,459. This cost comprises advertising costs, volunteer reimbursements, equipment costs (10 sets of poles to remain with the club as permanent equipment), and training costs for an instructor to become certified with the National Nordic Walking Association.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board approve the following the applications for funding:

(a)	NZ National Tai Chi Chillan Association	\$ 266
(b)	Surf Lifesaving Canterbury Inc	\$ 300
(c)	Shahin Volleyball Team – United Afghan Association	\$ 210
(d)	Union Rowing Club	\$ 250
(e)	Polish Association in Christchurch Inc	\$ 250
(f)	Canterbury Nordic Walking Trainers (CNNT)	\$1,704

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.