

**4. REFERRED APPLICATIONS FROM SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND – REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Community Services, DDI: 941-8534
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Community Support Unit Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Erin Eyles, Community Development Advisor

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Strengthening Community Action Plan (SCAP) Committee a request from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Development Funding Committee to consider four applications from the 2006/07 round of the Community Development Scheme for funding from SCAP funds.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The Spreydon Heathcote Community Development Funding Committee (SHCDFC) met on 9 November 2006 to consider the Community Development applications for the 2006/07 funding year. A total of 53 applications were received, requesting \$136,028. The Committee had a total of \$32,860 to allocate. Due to the number and quality of applications, funds were allocated to priority one and priority two projects with recommendations resulting in an overspend of \$16,800. Subsequently no priority three applications could be supported. As a result, the SHCDFC resolved to forward \$13,700 of the overspend to the Community Board Discretionary Fund and \$3,100 to the SCAP Committee for consideration.
3. Those referred to the SCAP Committee are new initiatives which the SHCDFC considered worthwhile and relevant for consideration under SCAP funding criteria. They link directly to SCAP aims, particularly with social isolation and early intervention priorities.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

4. The possible legal consideration is the restrictions around copyright issues for the Opawa Baptist Church family film evenings. The advice that the Church has received on this issue is to proceed with the family nights due to the assessed minimal risk of breaching copyright. Council funding would support the promotion of the family nights with a view to the outcomes of strengthening families and community.
5. The total recommended amount for consideration from the Spreydon/Heathcote SCAP Fund is \$3,100.
6. The following table illustrates the groups, their project, how much was requested and the SHCDFC's recommendations made in relation to the Community Development Scheme Guidelines.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
CA-NZ Canterbury Kids Coach	For assistance with salary costs for Children's Worker	\$19,400	\$1,000
CA-NZ Canterbury Kids Coach	For assistance with programme costs	\$600	\$600
Opawa Baptist Church	For assistance towards family film evenings (promotion)	\$1,056	\$500
Opawa Baptist Church	For assistance with the Koru programme, for intermediate aged children, teaching social and life skills	\$5,408	\$1,000

7. Financial statements for these groups have been sighted.

## **BACKGROUND ON GROUPS' APPLICATIONS**

### **Opawa Baptist Church**

8. A key objective for the Opawa Baptist Church is to care for the community. Currently they are involved with youth activities, craft classes, counselling, Boys Brigade and a Senior Citizens group. This funding request is to support two new initiatives outreaching into the community, the first targeting families and the second a new youth programme.
9. The first application is to support family film evenings, with the provision of monthly film evenings on a Friday night. These were initiated in July/August 2006 and have received a good response from the community. It is estimated that 60% of the people attending are coming from the community, with minimum numbers of 60 and up to 120 attending. They are free of charge and light refreshments are provided. The expected outcomes are that families on low income have an opportunity to attend, and local family social needs assisted and youth supervised. The evenings are currently supported by Church donations and sponsorship. The group are seeking assistance towards promotion for a 12 month period.
10. The second application is to support their new Koru programme for intermediate aged children on a Friday night. It is providing a safe place for children, in the Waltham area, where there are not many activities for young people. They use positive role models, teach relevant life skills, and run recreation activities such as basketball, table tennis and cards. It is promoted at the Waltham School and to the community. This request covers wages, programme costs, equipment and leadership training.

### **Canterbury Kids Coach (CA-NZ)**

11. CA-NZ Kids Coach is under the umbrella of the Anglican Church Army NZ. It operates as a separate initiative and is not entitled to additional funding. It is a new initiative which commenced in Term Three of this year, which aims "to bring a values based programme to today's children." Their objectives are to assist and empower children to develop a balanced lifestyle and to help address social isolation issues in lower socio-economic areas. They run a 20 week programme on board a bus, using music, puppets, drama, storytelling and games in after-school activities. The programme provides for pre-school and school aged children and also as a "drop-in" centre for parents experiencing isolation at home. They are open 3-4 days a week for parents/caregivers and their children and currently up to 12 people are accessing the bus each day, during the afternoon period.
12. The first application is to support salary costs of the Children's Worker. Total salary costs for the year is \$35,000, based on a full-time position. They have planned for more sustainable income avenues, however, much of their income this year went towards the purchase and set-up costs of the bus.
13. The second application is for assistance towards the programme costs, which includes refreshments, games and craft supplies.
14. These groups contribute to the following Community Outcomes:  
  
A Safe City, A City of Lifelong Learning, A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities, and A City for Recreation, Fun and Creativity.

### **OPTIONS**

15. That the SCAP Committee agree to fund the requests.
16. Or that the SCAP Committee decline funding.

### **PREFERRED OPTION**

17. The most appropriate option for consideration is that the SCAP Committee allocate as recommended (with conditions) as per the above table. The demand on the Community Development Scheme exceeds what is available and these projects would be appropriate to receive assistance under the SCAP criteria. They align with SCAP 2006/07 aims and priorities.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the SCAP Committee:

- (a) Decline the application from the Opawa Baptist Church for \$500 towards the family film evenings, due to possible legal complications relating to copyright.
- (b) Allocate \$1,000 from its 2006/07 fund to the Opawa Baptist Church towards the Koru Programme, subject to staff sighting appropriate policy and procedural documentation.
- (c) Allocate \$600 from its 2006/07 fund to the Canterbury Kids Coach towards programme costs, subject to staff sighting appropriate policy and procedural documentation.
- (d) Allocate \$1,000 from its 2006/07 fund to the Canterbury Kids Coach towards the Children's Worker salary, subject to staff sighting appropriate policy and procedural documentation.