

8. NORTHGATE COMMUNITY SERVICES TRUST

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to a request for funding from Northgate Community Services Trust. The request is for \$3,600.00 towards "Simply Cooking" courses.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Northgate Community Services Trust has been involved in community services, programmes and activities in the Papanui/Northgate area since late 2003. It co-operates well with other local community agencies and provides a wide range of services.
3. The Trust's "Simply Cooking" courses have been popular and have received excellent feedback.
4. This application (for \$3,600) has been referred from the Community Development Scheme to the Community Board for consideration.
5. This report recommends that the Board agree to a partial allocation of the application (\$2,400).

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The budget of the three "Simply Cooking" courses is as follows:

Income

	\$
Donations (gold coin)	1,800
Donations (North city)	250
	<hr/> \$430

Expenditure

	\$
Share of overheads	1,200
Staff hours (\$18/hour x 12 hours per course)	648
Course materials/equipment/tutor/costs	2,100
Christmas goodies morning	75
	<hr/> \$4,023

7. In the financial year ended 31 March 2005, Northgate Community Services Trust had a surplus of income over expenditure of \$30,816 from an operating budget of approximately \$70,000. Its net assets are currently \$30,816 as the 2004/05 financial year was its first year of operation, \$5,093 of this is represented by fixed assets.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board resolve to grant of \$2,400 from its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund to Northgate Community Services Trust towards the cost of their "Simply Cooking" courses.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

BACKGROUND ON NORTHGATE COMMUNITY SERVICES TRUST

8. Northgate Community Services Trust grew out of the work of Northcity Christian Church in late 2003.
9. The Trust runs a variety of programmes and activities from its large premises in Sawyers Arms Road, including;
 - Youth programmes, known collectively as “Seed Community”
 - Literacy programmes in conjunction with Hagley Adult Literacy Centre
 - Te Reo Maori courses
 - Budgeting courses in conjunction with Kingdom Resources
 - Contribute to Papanui events, e.g. Whakaoho (the Papanui Community Day) and KidsFest
 - Craft mornings for young children during school holidays
 - A community café
 - A quarterly newsletter.
10. Although it is difficult to accurately access the numbers of people that organisations such as this reach, figures show that the “Simply Cooking” classes work with an average of 15 people directly.
11. The “Simply Cooking” courses arose out of discussion with Papanui Baptist Church which is involved with 0800 HUNGRY. The aim was to provide basic tuition on how to use some of the ingredients in the food parcels, in an attempt to move people away from the ‘junk food’ culture. Volunteer tutors in the courses came from both Northcity and Papanui Baptist Churches.
12. One unexpected outcome of these courses has been the cross-cultural communication element. The courses have had participants from Samoa, Russia, Japan, Korea, Thailand as well as New Zealanders of European and Maori background. As a result of this multi-cultural mix, many of the participants demonstrated dishes from their own cultures in an Asian Food morning.
13. At the end of each course, Northgate Trust undertakes a simple evaluation completed by the participants. The results of these evaluations show an overwhelmingly high regard for the course and the tutors.

OPTIONS

14. The Board has three options available:
 - (a) To allocate the full amount requested (\$3,600).
 - (b) To allocate a partial amount (\$2,400).
 - (c) To decline the application.

PREFERRED OPTION

15. Northgate Community Services Trust and the “Simply Cooking” courses in particular:
 - Serve a real need in the local community
 - Work collaboratively with other providers in the community
 - Receive excellent evaluations by participants
 - Work on an empowering model (i.e. teaching a person to fish rather than providing the fish)
 - Have a surplus from the previous year which could contribute towards the “Share of Overheads” - \$1200.
16. For these reasons, Option (b) above is preferred.