

## 9. PAPANUI BAPTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES FREEDOM 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 Papanui Baptist Community Services Freedom Trust for \$1,100 towards its Mainly Music programme.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This application has been referred to the Community Board from the Community Development Scheme.
3. The Papanui Baptist Community Services Freedom Trust has been in existence since 1997 although its work can be traced back 14 years.
4. Mainly Music programmes have become extremely popular in the community as they provide an excellent opportunity to enhance the developmental needs of children and an opportunity for families to meet others and to learn new skills.
5. The Freedom Trust and its workers are well respected in the Papanui/Northcote community and provide an excellent range of services, programmes and activities. They work well with other community agencies.
6. This report recommends that a grant of \$1,100 be allocated to the Trust for its Mainly Music programme.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The annual budget for the Mainly Music programme is as follows: -

	\$
Programme costs (e.g. milk, tea, biscuits, cordial)	900
Special Events (Mothers' & Fathers' Day, Christmas, transport, hire of props)	900
Programme Resources (music, CD's, musical instruments, stationery)	600
Educational Resources (videos, parenting books)	150
	\$2,550

8. The Freedom Trust is able to contribute approximately \$1,050 to this programme through fees, other fundraising and funds on hand.
9. The Trust is seeking \$1,100 in this application towards this programme.
10. The 2004/05 financial accounts of the Trust show an excess of income over expenditure of approximately \$14,500 from a total budget of \$36,700. It has net assets of approximately \$38,000 with \$9,500 of this being in fixed assets. The Mainly Music programme makes up approximately 30% of the operating budget.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board resolve to allocate \$1,100 from its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund to the Papanui Baptist Community Services Freedom Trust towards its Mainly Music programme.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

## **BACKGROUND**

11. The Freedom Trust was established in 1997 although the community work of the Freedom Trust has been going on for 14 years in the Papanui/Northcote area. The Trust runs a variety of services and programmes including food parcels, home visits, advocacy and support to refugee and migrant families, a creative sewing group, a community lunch (Matthews party), parenting courses, and a community van.
12. Mainly Music (and similar programmes) have become extremely popular within the community over the past few years. Not only do they provide an opportunity for children to learn and develop co-ordination, motor, cognitive and social skills, but also enables parents and caregivers to meet others in their community and to share ideas and skills.
13. Because of the other support services that the Trust undertakes, it is able to offer these services to parents who may be experiencing stress in their lives.

## **OPTIONS**

14. The Board has three options available: -
  - (a) To allocate the full amount of the application (ie \$1,100).
  - (b) To allocate a partial grant.
  - (c) To decline the application.

## **PREFERRED OPTION**

15. Papanui Baptist Community Services Trust and the Mainly Music programme in particular:
  - Has a long history of work in the community
  - Has excellent administrative systems
  - Works well with other community agencies
  - Mainly Music aids in the development needs of children
  - Mainly Music helps to bring together families in the local community for support and friendship.
16. For these reasons, Option (a) above is preferred.