

## 8. KIDSFIRST KINDERGARTENS - MAIREHAU

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding to the Board from Kidsfirst Kindergartens Mairehau. Kidsfirst is seeking \$1,135 to assist with the purchase of a new set of large wooden boxes to be used by the children in outdoor and physical active play.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Kidsfirst Kindergartens Mairehau has been in existence for 50 years. It assists the social and recreational learning needs of approximately 100 children each year.
3. The present large boxes that are used by the children are now beyond repair and in need of replacement. The organisation has recently completed a large fundraising effort (\$15,500) to build a new sandpit and has only a small amount of money available to contribute towards this project. The cost of new wooden boxes is \$1,635, towards which the organisation is allocating \$500 of its own funds.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. Kidsfirst Kindergartens Mairehau has been operating for 50 years. In the financial year to December 2005 its expenditure was approximately \$38,750 with a surplus of just over \$10,000. At December 2005 there were assets of just over \$17,000 with \$15,500 of this being tagged for a new sandpit, which has recently been completed. Approximately one-third of the organisation's income is from parent donations and most of the rest from fundraising and a variety of grants from sources such as Community Trust and Pub Charities. In the past three years, this organisation has received no funding from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board. The group has received no Community Development Scheme funding since 2000/01. The total cost of the project is \$1,635. Kidsfirst has \$500 of its own funds for the project and is seeking \$1,135 from the Board.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board grant \$1,135 from its 2005/06 SCAP Fund to Kidsfirst Kindergartens Mairehau to assist with the purchase of large wooden boxes.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

## **BACKGROUND**

6. Kidsfirst Kindergartens Mairehau is located in Fergusson Avenue. There is a staff of three, paid for by the National Association and a volunteer base of 20 providing 600 hours of voluntary effort per year. Kidsfirst operates five days per week with two sessions per day. Forty-five children are catered for per session and approximately eighty families use the service each day. The boxes that are to be replaced are over ten years old and have been repaired many times, but are now beyond repair. The children use these boxes to climb on, make obstacle courses and use in their pretend play.
7. This project helps to meet the following Community Board Objectives:
  - The Board acknowledges diversity and facilitates a vibrant, inclusive and strong community.
  - Encourage participation of all people by promoting and supporting community based recreation programmes.
8. The project also helps contribute towards the following Community Outcomes:
  - A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities
  - A Healthy City
  - A City of Recreation, Fun and Creativity
  - A City of Lifelong Learning.
9. Kidsfirst Kindergartens Mairehau has identified three outcomes in relation to this project:
  - To provide equipment that is safe for the children to use.
  - The children will develop gross motor skills, increasing agility, co-ordination and balance.
  - Using equipment with no objective in mind can be enjoyable, creative and a valid approach to learning.

## **OPTIONS**

10. The Community Board has three options available:
  - (a) To allocate a full grant of \$1,135.
  - (b) To allocate a partial grant.
  - (c) To declined the application.

## **PREFERRED OPTION**

11. Kidsfirst Kindergartens Mairehau support the social and recreational learning needs of almost 100 children in the Mairehau area. They have a committed team of volunteers who undertake ongoing fundraising activities.
12. For these reasons Option a) above is the preferred option.