

5. CROSS OVER TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a funding request from Cross Over Trust for funding towards the salary of two youth workers. Cross Over Trust provide services for “at risk” youth and their families in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward. They are seeking a total of \$20,000. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board at its 18 April 2006 meeting allocated \$5,000 towards Cross Over Trust’s application. The Board also recommended referring the request to the SCAP Committee’s May meeting for consideration of additional funding support due to the lack of funding remaining in the 2005/06 discretionary fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Since November 2005, Cross Over Trust has submitted over \$60,000 worth of applications to various pub charities for funding. Unfortunately they have all been declined. Over the past 3-4 years Cross Over Trust has received funding from these sources. The funding received in the past equates to approximately 12-28% of their funding base. Short-term funding options are limited. Funding for the two youth worker positions ceased on 14 April 2006. Whilst other funding applications and processes are in hand, there is no funding for the salaries for the two youth workers.
3. Cross Over Trust has been operating since 1989 and became incorporated in 1991. They work holistically. The activities and services they currently provide include:
 - Manaakitanga Club programmes.
 - Social skill based activities.
 - General youth work support and advocacy.
 - Adventure based programme learning (supporting challenging 8-12 year olds).
 - School and home support services.
 - Mentoring.
 - Family support work.
4. The funding shortfall impacts on two key youth workers and the geographic areas of Sydenham, Addington and Spreydon. This will affect five of seven programmes currently running which equates to 35 families and 90 referred youth. Cross Over Trust is currently looking at funding strategies and service provision to prevent this shortfall from occurring again.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. There are no legal considerations.
6. The funding required is for youth worker salaries. Funding is required to retain these key workers. Cross Over Trust are committed to maintaining their level of service to the community. The Community Trust is also being approached for support in relation to this urgent application. The next available funding for salaries is Lottery which will be in June 2006.
7. The Council has provided financial support to Cross Over Trust over the past 10 years. This has been through the Community Development Scheme, the Community Board project funding and discretionary fund. Most grants have been under \$5,000.
8. Audited accounts for the previous year have been viewed. Current accounts are with their auditor. Funds on hand total \$17,831.57. Other funding to come totals \$15,000 but will not be available until August 2006. The organisation has funds to operate but no salary funding is available until August 2006.

BACKGROUND ON CROSS OVER TRUST

9. Cross Over Trust has been operating in the Spreydon community for 17 years. The services they provide have grown over the years to meet the needs of the community. They now run four Manaakitangi clubs per year for 10-15 year olds. They work with six local schools through referrals from either school principals, teachers, health nurses or other agencies such as Lifelinks. They also provide a range of support and services such as recreation, youth adventure, leadership programmes, and the weekly Manaakitangi Club. They now also deliver a youth specific project in Rowley. They employ 3.5 Youth Workers, a Manager, a family worker position, a counsellor working one day a week, and 22 volunteers, working with 150 youth and their families.
10. The two youth worker positions are key to youth service and programme delivery in Addington, Sydenham and Spreydon. Without salary funding there will be a loss of service, and the needs of these youth and families will not be met. Cross Over Trust provide a wrap service with the youth and families they work primarily with disadvantaged youth and their families providing preventative interventions, issues and concerns are identified as well as problem solving strategies and solutions working from a strengths based model.
11. The Manager and Trustees are looking at long term funding strategies to help prevent this from occurring in the future.
12. The Cross Over Trust service aligns significantly with Community Outcomes, Council policies and Community Board Objectives. Cross Over Trust contribute to the following Community outcomes:

A Learning City, A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities, A City of Healthy and Active People, A Safe City.
13. It also aligns with the following SCAP aims:
 - To improve people's sense of belonging to, and being part of the community by facilitating social capital.
 - To improve the Spreydon/Heathcote communities' safety from crime to support community-based programmes (for example early intervention strategies).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee allocates \$5,000 from the Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) 2005/06 fund to the Cross Over Trust for the two youth worker salaries.