

12. NZ COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE 2009

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to seek funds from each Community Board to enable planning to begin for the NZ Community Board Conference 2009 which is being hosted by the Christchurch City Council, and to nominate two Community Board members from each Community Board to be part of this planning committee which will be chaired by Deputy Mayor Carole Evans.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At a meeting of the Community Board chairpersons and staff forum, held on June 23 2006, it was suggested that the Christchurch City Council make an application to host the Community Board Conference for 2009.
3. The Council approved on 31 August 2006, the Christchurch City Council putting a bid to host the 2009 Community Board Conference. This bid was successful.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. It was intended that costs of the conference will be covered by registration fees and various sponsors for events. These costs include a professional Conference organiser, venues and the activities in the Conference programme. The Councils Civic and International Relations team would provide advice on protocol and city activities in the programme. A budget of up to \$14,000 will be required for deposits for venue bookings and engaging a Professional organiser. It is anticipated based on the conference hosted by the Dunedin City Council in 2005 that approximately 200 persons will attend.
5. The Chairs from each of the City Community Boards have said that the Community Boards will allocate \$2000 from their discretionary funds and the Banks Peninsula Boards allocate \$1000 each. This will provide funding for \$14,000. In addition the Secretariat Unit will seek approval from the Council to budget for an additional \$15,000 in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan in the event of any shortfall arising.
6. The Chairman has indicated that he is prepared to support providing funding from the Board's Discretionary Funding based on a percentage of the funding that the Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board has compared to the funding that the City Board's have.
7. The City Community Board's have \$60,000 of Discretionary Funding. The two Banks Peninsula Board's have \$15,000. Using a percentage based formula this would mean that the Banks Peninsula Board's would allocate \$500, rather than the \$1,000 indicated.

OPTIONS

8. The Board has three options either to agree to allocate \$1,000 funding for the planning of the conference, agree to allocate \$500 or not to fund. This would mean that the Council resolution is not implemented as there is no other funding available to start this process.
9. That the Board nominate, or chooses not to nominate two Board members to be part of the planning committee to be chaired by Carole Evans Deputy Chair.

PREFERRED OPTION

10. That the Board agree to allocate \$500 from its 2006/07 discretionary fund for the planning of the NZ Community Board Conference 2009.
11. That the Board nominate two Board members to be on the 2009 planning committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Agree to allocate \$500 from its 2006/07 discretionary fund.
- (b) Nominate two Community Board members to be on the 2009 Community Board Conference planning committee.