

3. FUNDING APPLICATION FROM BURNSIDE ELIM CHURCH

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to an application for funding from the Burnside Elim Church for \$7,400 from the Board's 2006/07 SCAP funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Burnside Elim Church is seeking financial support from the Board towards the cost of running the LINK programme.
3. The main objective of the LINK programme is to assist migrants and students of other ethnicities to be integrated into the New Zealand culture with a particular focus on the Northwest area.
4. The LINK programme includes a morning class once a week that incorporates teaching English (pronunciation, grammar, listening, reading and writing skills) with basic life skills. Some of the skills include learning how to make appointments for different services, such as going to see doctors, dentists and schools, getting a New Zealand Drivers Licence, cooking, and social etiquette.
5. The funding requested will secure the services of two fully qualified tutors and a coordinator to ensure a high standard of service is provided. Students pay \$2 a week which contributes to the resources used in the programme.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The organisation has applied for funding that can be sourced from the Board's 2006/07 SCAP funds.
7. The LINK programme has previously been run through Youth for Christ and has received Community Board funding over the past few years. The programme has always been delivered from the Burnside Elim Church and when Youth for Christ decided not to continue with the programme, the church decided to take over the running of LINK.
8. Previous Board funding received for the LINK programme through Youth for Christ is outlined below:

Year	Purpose	Amount
2005/06	Tutor and Operating Costs	\$6,106
2004/05	LINK Programme (CD Scheme)	\$3,000
2004/05	LINK Programme (SCAP)	\$3,000

9. There are no legal considerations in regards to this project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

Approve the application for funding from Burnside Elim Church and allocate \$7,400 from its 2006/07 SCAP funds.

BACKGROUND

9. LINK has been operating at Burnside Elim Church for the past three years under the umbrella of Youth for Christ and has worked with approximately 200 students and 50 families during this time.
10. They are currently providing support to 18 students with the majority of these students coming from Japan. They also have students from China, Korea, Malaysia, Russia, Chile, and Taiwan.
11. LINK is open to all young people within the 8-25 year age group but has a special emphasis on young people and families from Asian backgrounds.
12. The weekly English language programme currently operates from 9.30am-12.00pm. Classes provide support for beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels which are determined through the registration process.
13. Classes have a practical link to the community and topics covered include:
 - introducing yourself and others
 - telephone conversation skills
 - health
 - banking
 - shopping
 - driving in winter
 - community services