

5. SALVATION ARMY BUDGETING SERVICE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval of an application for funding from the Canterbury/Northwest Salvation Army who are seeking funding for a Budget Adviser to operate from the Heartlands Service Centre, to meet the needs of people in the Hornby area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding of \$7,514 is being sought by the Salvation Army for funding for a Budget Adviser to operate from the Heartlands Service Centre. The amount being requested is for a 12 month period.
3. The Budget Adviser works eight hours a week and delivers approximately six individual budgeting sessions per week. This equates to an annual delivery of approximately 288 budget advice sessions.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following outlines budgetary requirements for the project:

Activity/Competition	Cost
Wages	\$6,684
Supervision	\$ 650
Total Cost	\$7,514

5. The applicant is requesting the total amount of \$7,514 from the Board to support the service.
6. The applicant has previously received for this service \$2,765 for a six month period from April 2005, and \$2,796 for this service from December 2005.

BACKGROUND ON THE SALVATION ARMY BUDGETING SERVICE

7. This service involves teaching money management and advocating for people in financial need, so that their debts can be managed in an appropriate manner. The adviser is also involved in training a volunteer adviser who contributes approximately 240 hours per annum to this work. This person will shortly be in a position to start seeing her own clients independently.
8. This service has been operating for at least 4 years and has been operating from Heartlands from its inception in 2005. This service is well respected in the Hornby community, and the adviser's time is always fully booked. (Please find **attached** a recommendation in regard to a previous application to this service from the coordinator of Heartlands services).
9. The coordinator has reconfirmed verbally that she maintains strong support of this service continuing which clearly indicates that the applicant group is actively collaborating and networking positively with other agencies and services in the local Hornby area.
10. Demand for this service is indicated by the current adviser's appointment diary being consistently full. Approximately six budgeting advice sessions are delivered each week by the adviser, which totals approximately 288 for the year. Hornby is also a low decile area which is a feature commonly associated with the need for budget advice.
11. This application is aligned with the Council's Community Outcomes a Healthy City, A Prosperous City, and a Safe City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board agrees to allocate \$3,757 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for the provision of a Budget Adviser for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2007. The group will then be able to apply to the Board's 2007/08 Project Fund for additional funding to support the position from 1 July 2007 onwards.