

9. AKAROA-WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUNDING APPLICATION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present an application for Discretionary Funding to the Board for consideration (refer attached).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. An application has been received from the Bastille Day Committee for funding towards the Bastille Day celebrations to be held in Akaroa on 14 July 2007. The celebrations will include:
 - French lunch menus at Akaroa Restaurants
 - a procession of floats representing community groups
 - street entertainers and bands
 - a "storming of the Bastille" parade
 - a beach gathering with set piece fireworks of the Eiffel Tower
 - fire dancers and bands
 - a fireworks celebration from a barge in the harbour
 - Le Rendez-vous cabaret and entertainment at The Gaiety.
3. The Committee has provided Bastille Day celebrations in Akaroa for the last six years. This year Bastille Day falls on a Saturday so the Committee has planned a special day of celebrations from noon until midnight. In keeping with the origins of the town, the Committee is following French traditions, but also adding an Akaroa flavour. Representatives from the Committee will attend the meeting as a deputation to answer any questions members may have.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The Board has an annual Discretionary Fund of \$15,000. To date, in this financial year, the Board has allocated \$2,531, which leaves a balance of \$12,469. This Fund has to be allocated within the 2006-07 financial year.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

5. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

6. Under the Community Board delegations, the Board has *"absolute discretion over the implementation of the discretionary funding allocation of \$15,000, (subject to being consistent with any policies or standards adopted by the Council)."*

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

7. LTCCP – Recreation and Leisure - Page 131:
 - Prosperity – by providing economic benefits to the city through its involvement in events and festivals.
 - Recreation – by providing effective process support for events and festivals to enable quality implementation.
 - Recreation – by positioning Christchurch as an event-friendly city.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

8. Events Strategy

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

- 9 The Board has not carried out any direct consultation on this issue but will be aware of the community support for previous Bastille Day events.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate an amount it deems suitable from the balance of its Discretionary Fund, to the 2007 Bastille Day Celebrations.