

7. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – WHARENUI SCHOOL COMMUNITY BUILDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek funding of \$5,970 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board. The funding is for costs related to painting the Studio 8 community building at Wharenu Primary School. Wharenu Primary School are celebrating their centennial this year in October.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Wharenu Primary School has two community buildings which are the school hall and the Studio 8 building. The Ministry of Education own half of the school hall while the Studio 8 building was gifted to the school prior to the 1980's. It appears that the building was built in the 1940's but unfortunately all records related to the building were lost in a fire. The Wharenu PTA recently came to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board to seek funding for the purchase of curtains for the school hall, for which the Board decided to grant \$2,900.
3. When Council staff visited Wharenu school it was also noted that the Studio 8 building was due for a 7 year paint as well as exterior timber work due to rot in some weatherboards. Staff therefore recommended in the report to the Board on 25 July 2007, that the Board also consider a grant for the painting of the Studio 8 building. After some discussion among Board members it was decided that the historical nature of the building needed to be researched as funding may be able to be accessed from another source. The Acting Board Adviser for the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board followed this up with the Council's Principal Advisor for Heritage. According to advice received, the Studio 8 building is very unlikely to qualify for Council heritage funding.
4. The school has a decile 2 rating and raising funds is difficult due to the fact that many families are on limited incomes. In the past the school has paid for painting and maintenance despite the fact that the actual building has been surplus to classroom requirements and has been classed by the Ministry of Education as "a community maintained and funded building". In reality, this means that the school funds the maintenance of the building.
5. The Studio 8 building is used for the after school programme (five days per week), a space for the children's worker in schools programme, children's holiday programmes and a teacher aid space for tuition of small groups of children with special needs. The Chinese Language Centre also use the building on Saturdays and Sundays. The school believes that these are all programmes of immediate benefit to children in the local community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The following table details the project expenditure.

Expenditure (for project / service only)	Total Cost	Funding sought in this application
Painting of smaller community building	\$5,970	
Building repair price	\$1,544	
TOTAL	\$7,514	

7. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board currently has \$56,300 in the Board's 2007/08 Discretionary Fund.

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

8. Covered by existing Community Board Funds.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

9. Yes. There are no legal considerations

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Page 99 of the LTCCP, Community Support and Community Grants.

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

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. Children's Strategy.
Strengthening Communities Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. All appropriate consultation has taken place.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee recommend that the Board grant the amount of \$5,970 to the Wharenui Primary School to cover costs associated with painting the Studio 8 community building.