

8. HORNBY YOUTH WORKER(S) PROJECT – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. **At its meeting of 12 December 2006 the Board resolved that this application for funding be referred for further discussion to a forthcoming Community Board meeting on 13 February 2006.** The purpose of this report is to present a request to the Board for funding assistance of \$20,000 towards the cost of running programmes related to the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project. At present the Board has an available balance of \$49,840 in its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund. **Attached** is an Evaluation Report of the Hornby Community Youth Worker.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project has been operating for nine years. In 1996 a need for affordable and accessible recreational programmes in the Hornby area was identified by an independent researcher. The Community Development Network Trust was contracted by the Community Board to provide a Youth worker who would deliver recreational programmes as well as develop supportive positive relationships with the young people in Hornby. The Community Board initially funded the total cost of the project including salary and programme costs. The salary of the youth worker is currently funded from the Community Development Team Budget. The Community Board, historically, has continued to fund the programme costs (\$20,000) each year from its Youth Initiative Fund, as well as the salary of the female youth worker assistant (for the period up until June 2008).
3. The programmes are an essential part of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project. They provide recreational opportunities that many of the young people in this area would not have access to, due to costs relating to participation as well as travel. The camps also provide respite for parents, as well as activities that extend the skills of young people, develop self-esteem, confidence and leadership potential. Volunteers also provide positive role models.
4. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project is a Council initiative. Since its initiation the Community Development Network Trust has been contracted to deliver programmes, services and activities to young people in Hornby. Two major independent evaluations (2002, 2005) have highlighted the success of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project and the positive impact that the camps and activities have on the young people. The youth workers provide information related to the running of the programme in six monthly and annual evaluation reports. The young people themselves are included in the evaluation process and some of their comments are included in this report.
5. The Board has been proactive in funding the total cost of the recreational programmes (\$20,000) in advance for planning purposes. Current funding will come to an end in April 2007.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal considerations. Both the Board and the Community Development Group currently fund the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project.

Year	Amount		Funder
2006/08	\$35,920	Female Youth Worker Assistant (two years)	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board
2006/07	\$42,000	Youth Worker Salary	Community Development Team
2005/07	\$40,000	Programmes (two years)	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board
2005/06	\$35,000	Youth Worker Salary	Community Development Team Budget
2004/05	\$35,000	Youth Worker Salary	Community Development Team Budget
2004/05	\$20,000	Youth Programmes	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board

7. The project has been running for nine years. The above matrix indicates the level of funding over the last two years. The Board has given \$20,000 annually towards the cost of the programmes since 1997. One of the key strengths of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project identified in Sarah Wylie’s evaluation report (2005) was “the affordability benefits for families

BACKGROUND ON HORNBY YOUTH WORKER(S) PROJECT

8. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project currently comprises of a youth worker, Lael Schwartfeger and a female assistant youth worker, Rachel Holmes. Lael has been the youth worker for nine years and has been running recreational programmes, camps and activities at an affordable cost for Hornby families. Rachel has been assisting for the last three years and has run camps and activities particularly focusing on the needs of young women.
9. One of the primary goals of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project is "to provide the opportunity for the Hornby young people to be involved in positive activities". This was achieved during the period of April 2005 until March 2006 by:
 - (a) Running six programmes for intermediate aged young people of which 151 attended.
 - (b) Running four "Hornby Teens" programmes of which 67 young people attended.
 - (c) Two "Boys Nights" which 12 young males attended
 - (d) One "Girls" programme which was attended by 13 young females.
 - (e) Running 71 "Club" days, attended by 608 young people.
 - (f) Running four "Kids Camps" which 56 young people attended.
10. The age range of participants is 11 years to 19 years. Sixty one percent of the young people attended the above listed programmes for the first time.
11. Programmes are evaluated on a regular basis. Below are some paragraphs from two camp programme evaluations written by the young people. Parts of 'thank you' letters have also been included. The following has been taken from the Annual Evaluation Report by the youth workers which is submitted each year by the youth workers for council staff (see **attachment** for full Evaluation Report).

'Dear Lael, I am writing to formally thank you for Rachel... She is awesome, funny, caring and a great role model for me and heaps of other. '

'...Thank you for sponsoring me on Easter camp... what I enjoyed was the rides, video games, food and the camp fire...'

'...I would like to say a big thank you for everything you have done for me, I really appreciate it, I have enjoyed the camps, they were heaps of fun. I always like going on your camps because you always have a positive attitude and you make me smile and laugh...'

'...Thanks for sponsoring me on camp... Thanks to CDN Trust, I have made some really good friends from other schools and become closer with people I already knew...thank you. '

'What I liked best... Being lazy and falling off the chair thing in the hot pools... the walk up the hill in the dark... and the jet boating. '

'...the thrill and excitement of jet boating which personally was my favourite thing... some of us went mountain biking which was heaps of fun, I took the easy track but even that was hard work. In the morning us guys set up all the mattresses and had a big sock wrestle. The leaders were great, the food was nice and the activities were heaps of fun. The camps are heaps of fun. It also gives you an opportunity to meet new friends and try things you might not get to do again. '

'...Playing on the tarpaulin at Mt Hutt I liked best because it was something I had not done before and something new for me to try. '

'The evaluations help to confirm that the young people want to try the things we want to do with them. We also are able to see that the programmes are meeting the prescribed desire with the most common descriptive words being used, FUN, COOL, AWESOME. '

12. The youth workers have planned a programme itinerary and budget for July 2006 to June 2007 (see **attached** appendix). The total cost is \$20,000 which the Community Board funded.
13. As stated previously, one of the strengths of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project which has had a major contribution to its success has been the fact that it has always been well resourced. Below are the goals, objectives and activities planned for the 2006/07 financial year.

CDNT Hornby Community Youth Worker Goals/Objectives April 2006 – March 2007

Goals	Objectives	Achieved by:	Measured by:
1. To provide the opportunity for Hornby young people to be involved in positive activities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To run at least two ongoing programmes for youth in the Hornby area. 2. Run specific girls only events. 3. Run specific boys events 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Running five teenage programmes 2. Running two Girls only programmes. 3. Sending young people on four five day intermediate holiday camps. 4. Running six intermediate half day programmes 5. Run four boys only events. 6. Working through the process of developing a new intermediate programme to run during or after school 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of programmes run. 2. Number of children attending.

14. The youth workers have worked hard to make sure programme costs have not increased over the last nine years. The total cost per annum has been \$20,000. The youth workers need to commence planning for 2007/ 2008 as early as possible for practical reasons such as booking of venues, organising volunteers and advertising.

OPTIONS

15. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agrees to grant \$20,000 to the Hornby Youth Worker(s) project towards the running of recreational programmes and activities by the Community Development Network Trust.
16. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board declines the application for funding (\$20,000) assistance towards the delivery of recreational programmes for the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project. The result of declining the application would mean that the youth workers could not provide any recreational programmes. It is extremely difficult to access funds from other funding sources and this project has always been on a contractual basis due to the fact that it is a Council initiative.

PREFERRED OPTION

17. The preferred option is for the Board to grant \$20,000 to the Community Development Network Trust in order that the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project can continue to meet the recreational needs of young people in the Hornby area. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project meets the following Council Community Outcomes:
 - A safe city.
 - A city of inclusive and diverse communities.
 - A healthy city.
 - A city of recreation, fun and creativity.
 - A city of life long learning.
18. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project is also aligned with the Christchurch City Council's Youth Strategy:
 - Principle 1: Equity.
 - Principle 2: Empowerment.
 - Principle 3: Partnership.
 - Principle 4: Co-operation.
 - Principle 5: Treaty of Waitangi.
 - Principle 6: Effectiveness.

19. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project also meets the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objectives (2006-2009):

Board Objective 7

Greater R/W community awareness of, and access to, affordable recreation and support programmes.

Board Objective 11

Contribution to increase social well-being in R/W area.

20. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project has been subject to two major evaluations since its commencement. Each evaluation highlighted the need for the Project to continue as it was successfully meeting the recreational and social needs of young people in Hornby. The Project continues to develop and has recently moved to the Community Link building next to the Hei Hei Community Centre. Already young people are "dropping in" for a chat with the youth workers and seeing it as a safe place for them to come to. Each year the youth workers identify areas of work which can be built on and new and creative ways of addressing youth issues. The partnership between this Project and the local Presbyterian Fusion Youth Programme continues to grow with joint and complementary activities, staff and volunteers. In conclusion, the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project is a major asset to families and youth in Hornby and needs to be supported on an ongoing basis.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board agrees to allocate \$20,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund towards the cost of recreational programmes associated with the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project.