

10. SHIRLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL HEATING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding from the Shirley Primary School towards the purchase of heat pumps for the School's hall.
2. This application has been referred to the Community Board for consideration by the Community Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. Shirley Primary School is a Decile 3 school located in one of the city's areas of high deprivation. The school has been actively involved in the development of community pride in the area and in heightening the well-being of the community. It has done this by its active participation in community events, engaging in co-operative ventures and allowing its facilities to be used by a range of community organisations.
4. In order to make its facilities more comfortable the school wishes to install two heat pumps in the hall at a cost of \$8,890. It is applying to the Community Board for funding to assist with this project.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. The total cost of this project is \$13,335, made up of three heat pumps, including one in the library.
6. The annual accounts of Shirley Primary School (to 31 December 2005) show a revenue of \$1.2 million with an operating surplus of only \$4,000. Fixed Assets were approximately \$319,000 with Current Assets standing at almost \$58,000. However, Current Liabilities of \$90,000 has left a negative Working Capital of over \$32,000.
7. Shirley Primary School has obtained two quotes for the supply and installation of the heat pumps. The quote of \$13,335 is the cheaper of the two options.
8. Although the total project is for three heat pumps, one of these is for the library. As it is the hall that is primarily used by the community, the application is for funding of those two heat pumps only, i.e. \$8,890.
9. This is a one-off application and is not expected to be the source of ongoing applications for funding of this project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board approves a grant of \$8,890 from its 2006/07 SCAP Fund to Shirley Primary School towards the costs of purchasing two heat pumps for the hall.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND ON SHIRLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

10. Shirley Primary School is a Decile 3 school operating in the middle of one of the city's areas of high deprivation.
11. The school has been one of the key organisations in the Shirley area, both as a provider of facilities and as an agent for social well-being in the area.
12. As a provider of facilities in the area, the school currently is the venue for: Shirley Community Trust OSCAR programme; meetings of the Shirley Residents' Group; local preschools and YMCA holiday programmes. It also is the base for the School Counsellor (jointly funded by Presbyterian Support Services and the Shirley/Papanui Community Board).
13. Outside of its educational focus the school has been an active participant in community events and programmes, e.g. the Shirley Community Inter-Agency Network, SHINE Community Events, the development of the Shirley Community Charter.
14. The application for funding from the school is supported by letters from Shirley Community Trust and Shirley Residents' Group.

OPTIONS

15. The Community Board has three options available to it:
 - (a) To allocate a grant for the full amount requested
 - (b) To allocate a partial grant, or
 - (c) To decline the application.

PREFERRED OPTION

16. Shirley Primary School operates in an area of high deprivation. It is very involved in its local community and allows its facilities to be used by local organisations. For these reasons, Option (a) above is the preferred option.