

3. FUNDING REQUEST FROM WHARENUI PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek funding of \$2,900 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board. The funding is for costs related to the purchasing of curtains for the upgrading of Wharenu Primary School community hall and attached kitchen.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Wharenu Primary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) works together with the school Board of Trustees, teachers and parents to give help and assistance where needed. They are presently planning to upgrade the community school hall and kitchen. The school hall is a historical community building, built in 1907. The Ministry of Education owns 50% of the facility but there is a lack of clarity as to which 50% the Ministry is responsible for. The school therefore is responsible for finding money to maintain the school hall and kitchen. Although it was recently painted there are no curtains in the hall or the attached kitchen, so both areas are inefficient to heat. The kitchen is used regularly as the school canteen as well as for events. The hall is also used for school assemblies. The PTA would also like to make the kitchen more hygienic and serviceable by purchasing a new stove, fridge and microwave. Both the school and the wider community use the school hall for a variety of events. The Rewi Alley Chinese School uses it on a regular basis while other groups use it for private functions, dance and sport events. According to the PTA, the kitchen has not been upgraded for over a decade and they believe the rundown look of the kitchen can be a barrier to groups wanting to hire it for meetings and social events. The school is situated in the heart of Riccarton so it is accessible to many local people even if they do not have access to a private vehicle. The PTA considers the school hall and its kitchen to be the "heart" of the school and the current state does not reflect the school appropriately.
3. The PTA would like to have the curtains installed by October 2007 when the school celebrates its 100 year Anniversary. The PTA also believes that if the school hall and kitchen are upgraded they could run Blue Light discos in conjunction with the police. In its current state the hall is not suitable for this kind of event. Wharenu Primary School is a decile two school and many of the families are on limited incomes. This makes it very difficult to raise funds for projects such as upgrading facilities.
4. The school has two community buildings: the school hall/kitchen; and another community building where the OSCAR programme is run daily. A teacher's aid also uses the latter building as well as the Rewi Alley Chinese School on weekends. The school is also hoping to raise funds to upgrade and paint the outside of this building.
5. The Wharenu PTA applied to the Community Board Project Fund in February 2007 for funding towards purchasing the curtains for the community school hall and kitchen. The Board referred their application to its 2007/08 Discretionary Fund.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

EXPENDITURE (FOR PROJECT / SERVICE ONLY)	Total Cost \$	Funding sought in this application
Quote from Hubbers for curtains for school hall and kitchen	2,900	2,900
Stove	870	
Fridge	850	
Microwave	300	
Painting of smaller community building	5,970	
Heat Pump for school hall	3,000	
TOTAL	\$13,890	

7. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board currently has \$59,200 in the Board's 2007/08 Discretionary Funds and \$40,000 in the Board Initiatives Fund. The Wharenui PTA has raised \$1,200 from profits from the canteen and fundraising activities such as sausage sizzles. It also hopes to raise funds from a recipe book it is compiling for the Centennial in October.

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. Yes. Children's Strategy. Community Policy.

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 \$2,900 to the Wharenui School PTA to cover costs associated with the purchase of curtains for the Wharenui Primary School community hall and kitchen. It is also recommended that the Community Services Committee consider recommending to the Board that it provide additional funding towards the upgrading of the other community building at Wharenui School.