


9. SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND FOR BANKS PENINSULA WARD



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. For the Board to consider the 2006/07 applications for SPARC Rural Travel Funding in the Banks Peninsula area and to make a recommendation to the Council accordingly (refer attachments).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. SPARC Rural Travel Funds are provided to encourage participation in sport by young people living in rural communities. It is open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams in areas that have less than 10 people/km² and is for young people aged between 5-19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions. The fund is not available for travelling to regional or national events. A school club team is defined as one participating in regular local sport competitions in weekends, excluding inter-school and intra-school competitions during school time. A sports club is defined as participating in organised, regular sport competition through membership outside of school time. 'Local' for Peninsula young people means travelling to other sub-unions such as Ellesmere, Waihora, Lincoln and further afield to participate in regular competitions.
3. For the 2006/07 funding round SPARC have allocated \$9,000 for the Banks Peninsula area. Five percent of funds may be allocated to advertising. Two advertisements were placed, one in the Akaroa Mail and one in the Bay Harbour News, for a total cost of \$286 leaving a total of \$8,714 for distribution.
4. In early December 2006 application forms were sent to every qualifying sports club and school within the Banks Peninsula Ward. No additional application forms were sought following the advertisements. Four applications were received by the closing date 9 February 2007. If the historic split of funds is maintained, once again there would be over-budget requests for the Akaroa/Wairewa area and a surplus left in the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert allocation. To ensure that young people are not disadvantaged and as many of them as possible are encouraged to participate in local sporting competitions it is suggested that the applications be considered, assessed and the available funds distributed across the Banks Peninsula Ward of the Christchurch City Council in an equitable manner.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no financial implications; \$9,000 has been forwarded to CCC from SPARC. There is \$8,714 in the budget for distribution to qualifying rural sports clubs and rural school sports teams.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

7. The recommendations contained within this report align with the LTCCP and Activity Management Plans.

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

8. LTCCP outcomes will be met when more people participate in leisure activities; and more people participate in physical and sporting activities.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

9. Applications align with the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy 2002.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

10. The recommendations align with Council Strategies.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

11. N/A.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board recommend to the Council the approval of the allocations of the 2006/07 SPARC Rural Travel Fund as follows:

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| Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club | \$1,000 |
| Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club | \$2,000 |
| Akaroa Area School BOT | \$4,000 |
| Britomart Sea Scouts | \$1,714 |

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

12. The following applications were received for consideration.

- (a) **Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club** amount requested \$1,000
(participants to benefit 100)

For transporting junior club teams to all away games in Ellesmere area. Transporting players from outside Diamond Harbour to practice once a week (coaches and parents operate a car pooling system for transporting the players).

- (b) **Britomart Sea Scouts** amount requested \$2,000
(participants to benefit 25)

To assist with travel to local training sessions and to compete in local regattas.

- (c) **Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club** amount requested \$2,000
(participants to benefit 100)

For travel expenses for training during the week and local competitions for 1 April to 30 September 2007 season. 2007 grade team entries include under 7, 8¹/₂, 10, 11¹/₂, U13, U14, U16, and U18 which may include mixed age teams.

- (d) **Akaroa Area School Board of Trustees** amount requested \$4,000
(participants to benefit 125)

To assist with after-school travel costs to training and local competitions on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Sports involved include hockey, netball, basketball, soccer and sailing. Travel assistance for those in the school Touch Rugby team, living in the Outer Bays, who play in the Tuesday evening community Touch competition. Volley Ball weekend competition (players combine with the Cheviot Area School to form a team). Due to the small number of students, 125 in years 1-13, forming teams in any age-group specific category can be difficult therefore opportunities for combining with other Area Schools to form teams is supported by the BOT.

Success of this application will enable the School's \$4,000 budgeted allocation to be directed towards supporting students selected for Canterbury Area Schools and National Tournaments.

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| Total Funds requested | \$9,000 |
| Total Funds available | \$8,714 |

THE OBJECTIVES

13. To distribute the SPARC Rural Travel Funds for the Banks Peninsula area according to the criteria established by SPARC.

THE OPTIONS

- (i) Allocate funds on a per participant basis i.e. \$24.90/person

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| Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club | \$2,490.00 |
| Britomart Sea Scouts | \$622.50 |
| Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club | \$2,490.00 |
| Akaroa Area School BOT | \$3,112.50 |

However these do not reflect applications with Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club and Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club being allocated more than requested and the others less.

- (ii) Allocate requested funding to Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club and to Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club leaving \$5714.00 for distribution on a participant basis:

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| Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club | \$1,000.00 |
| Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Clubs | \$2,000.00 |

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| Using the formula above (in option i) per participant =\$38.09 | |
| Britomart Sea Scouts would receive | \$925.25 |
| Akaroa Area School BOT (more than requested) | \$4,761.25 |

- (iii) Allocate requested funding to Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club, Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club and Akaroa Area School BOT with the balance being allocated to Britomart Sea Scouts:

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| Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club | \$1,000 |
| Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club | \$2,000 |
| Akaroa Area School BOT | \$4,000 |
| Britomart Sea Scouts | \$1,714 |

THE PREFERRED OPTION

14. Option (iii).