

9. JUNIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT - FUNDING REQUEST

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request funding of \$5,000 from the Board's 2007/08 discretionary fund to assist the Junior Neighbourhood Support Programme to continue to operate in three schools in the Burwood/Pegasus area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Junior Neighbourhood Support Programme aims to promote a sense of pride, safety and community spirit in primary school children and through them, the community. The programme integrates existing services such as fire, police and civil defence and co-ordinates them into an overall community package whereby positive initiatives and behaviours are rewarded at special school assemblies and an awareness of community/personal safety and civil defence is fostered.
3. Canterbury Neighbourhood Support is looking to establish the Junior Neighbourhood Support programme citywide in the next couple of years. With this in mind an application was made to the Metropolitan Community Development Scheme 2007/08. The Metropolitan Funding Committee turned the application down due to insufficient funds but referred the application back to the Shirley/Papanui and Burwood/Pegasus Community Boards as these were the two areas where the programme was already operating. Junior Neighbourhood Support will now try to establish more programmes in other areas throughout the year dependent upon other successful funding applications and will apply for metropolitan funding again in the 2008/09 financial year.
4. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board allocated \$5,000 towards the project in 2006/07 to establish the programme in two schools which was subject to receiving a breakdown of costs. Owing to the loss of the then programme co-ordinator and subsequent delays in setting up the programme, costs for the project were reduced and \$3,500 released to the organisation. Since this time the new co-ordinator has seen the programme successfully established in South New Brighton, Parkview and Freeville Primary Schools since the third term of 2006. Feedback from the schools participating in the project has been positive and South New Brighton School's Deputy Principal, Colin Hammond has attributed the reduction in, "destructive occurrences" directly to the programme running in their school.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The total cost for the project in the metropolitan application was \$60,480. This equates to \$10,080 per ward area. As at the end of July 2007, the organisation had \$19,000 towards operational expenses.
6. Funding from other sources has yet to be applied for and due to the co-ordinators diligence the wages expenses have increased due to increased hours. While there is an apparent shortfall of around \$7,000 for the Burwood/Pegasus programmes, a grant of \$5,000 would see them be able to be continued.
7. In a recent development, the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board granted \$5,000 towards the project in its area at their Board meeting on 12 September 2007.
8. No other funding request has been received from Junior Neighbourhood support for the 2007/08 year from the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board. Currently there is \$8,165 available in the Board's discretionary budget for the 2007/08 financial year.

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

9. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. No legal considerations.

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

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. Page 100 of the LTCCP, level of service under Community Support.

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

13. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. Strengthening Communities Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. Not Applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board allocate \$5,000 from its 2007/08 Discretionary Fund to Canterbury Neighbourhood Support for the Junior Neighbourhood Support Programmes operating in the Burwood/Pegasus area.