3. APPLICATION TO THE FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD'S 2007/08 SCAP FUND -PRESBYTERIAN SUPPORT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to an application for funding from Presbyterian Support - Family Works for \$2,400 from the Board's 2007/08 SCAP fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Presbyterian Support Family Works has made an application for funding to the Board for \$2,400 to continue providing a resiliency programme for Year 6 students at Aorangi Primary School.
- 3. Aorangi Primary School is a small decile 3, multicultural school in the suburb of Bryndwr. They have a stable roll of around 110 students, which is made up of approximately 27% Maori, 14% Samoan, 12% Afghani refugee, 8% Malaysian and 39% European.
- 4. This programme focuses on developing and improving social skills, problem solving skills, and communication. It also teaches students to consider the consequences of the choices they make.
- 5. Year 6 students were chosen for this programme as they are about to transition to intermediate school and will be faced with a more grown up environment where their social skills will be tested. This programme is available to all Year 6 students which removes the stigma that children may otherwise associate with participating in a special learning programme.
- 6. Since the programme has been running there has been 100% positive feedback from teachers, parents, and the students. Teachers and parents have both noted an improvement in the attitudes of their children.
- 7. Through feedback received from parents and teachers, the need has been identified to involve the parents and families of the children into the programme so that the learning gained through the programme can be reinforced within the child's daily life. This is also a way to connect families to each other and the wider school community.
- 8. Aorangi Primary School has a large migrant population and this programme will help families to settle into their new community and culture. Through the relationships developed, families who require additional support can be assisted to access other services.
- 9. The programme is run by Marcel van der Weerden, the Family and Community Worker at St Stephen's Community Centre. Marcel's main role is to provide counselling to families within the Fendalton/Waimairi area, particularly low income families in the Bryndwr area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10. The requested funding can be sourced from the Board's 2007/08 SCAP fund. There is currently \$13,654 remaining in this budget.
- 11. The Board funded \$2,000 towards this programme in 2006/07.

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

12. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2007/08 SCAP fund which was established as part of the Board's 2007/08 Project Funding and aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

13. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

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

15. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. Application aligns with the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the application and allocate \$2,400 to Presbyterian Support for the Resiliency Programme at Aorangi Primary School from the Board's 2007/08 SCAP fund.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.