

5. YALDHURST RURAL RESIDENT’S ASSOCIATION – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek funding of \$5,000 from the Board’s 2007/08 Discretionary Fund towards the cost of professional services for the Yaldhurst Rural Resident’s Association in a Council Resource Consent hearing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Association are requiring professional planner and legal services in order to oppose a Resource Consent application by United Campervan Rentals to set up a non-rural activity at 559 Pound Road.
3. 559 Pound Road is within a Rural 5 zone. The City Plan restricts the percentage of any site within a Rural 5 zone which can be used for non-rural activities. United Campervan Rentals are applying for a Resource Consent to breach the rules set out in the City Plan so that their business may operate from this site.
4. The Association has been instructed by its members to oppose the application by United Campervan Rentals, which they regard as an attempt to industrialise the Yaldhurst rural area.
5. The Council’s Planning Team have advised that they will not be supporting the application from United Campervan Rentals and will recommend that Council decline the resource consent application.
6. The hearing will take place on 8, 9 and 10 October and is joint hearing with Environment Canterbury as the proposed development will also have storm water and waste water implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The Board currently has \$36,652 in its Discretionary Fund.
8. Yaldhurst Rural Residents Association are applying for \$5,000 from the Board.
9. The total cost of the professional services required by the Association is estimated at being between \$4,800 and \$5,800.
10. The following table provides a breakdown of the costs involved:

EXPENDITURE	Cost (\$)
Planner – Technical Assistance	\$3,000 - \$4,000
6 hours of Legal Advice at \$300 per hour	1,800
Total Cost	\$4,800 - \$5,800

11. Yaldhurst Rural Residents Association has \$627 total accumulated funds.

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 Discretionary Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

13. The Council resolution of 16 April 1992 states that Community Boards may make grants to “recognised residents’ groups within their area” to enable them to participate in the resource consent process.

14. The Planning team are recommending that Council decline the Resource Consent application from United Campervan Rentals.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

16. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board consider the application for funding for \$5,000 from Yaldhurst Rural Residents Association.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.