

6. 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 the Shirley/Papanui 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 declined the application 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 Shirley/Papanui Community Board allocated \$5,000 towards the project in 2006/07 to establish the programme in Shirley primary school as a pilot project.
5. Due to the loss of the then programme co-ordinator there was a time delay in receiving the evaluation report from the pilot. However, subsequent receipt of the report showed that the programme was well received by both school staff and pupils with positive outcomes. A copy of the evaluation report will be available at the Board meeting for perusal.
6. In April 2007 a new co-ordinator was appointed and since then, the programme has expanded to include Mairehau and Belfast primary schools within the Shirley/Papanui ward while other local schools have indicated an interest in becoming involved

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The total cost for the project in the metropolitan application was \$60,480. This equates to \$10,080 per ward area. As of the end of July 2007 the organisation had \$19,000 towards operational expenses.
8. 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.
9. In a recent development, the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board granted \$5,000 towards the project in their area at their Board meeting on 12 September 2007.
10. There is a total of \$49,000 remaining in the Shirley/Papanui Board discretionary fund.

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

11. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. No legal considerations.

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

13. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. 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?

15. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. Strengthening Communities Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. Not Applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$5,000 from its 2007/08 Discretionary Fund to Canterbury Neighbourhood Support for the Junior Neighbourhood Support Programmes operating in the Shirley/Papanui area.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.