

9. AVONHEAD COMMUNITY TRUST – CHILD AND FAMILY WORKER

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board for \$5,500 for part of the wage of a Child and Family Worker based in Avonhead, predominantly around Avonhead Primary School.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Avonhead Community Trust is seeking funds for 0.25 of a Full Time Equivalent wage for a Child and Family worker based in Avonhead. This worker currently works with 300 people in this area, predominantly children through her contact with Avonhead Primary School, but also some family groups. This worker has been in place since 20 January 2007.
3. The period for which funding is requested is 1 January 2008 to 31 August 2008. While both Avonhead Community Trust, and Avonhead Primary are within the Riccarton/Wigram ward these are both close to the boundary with the Fendalton/Waimari ward. This position was funded to a similar level in 2007 by the Fendalton/Waimari Community Board, in recognition of the work that was being undertaken with residents in their community. Staff are recommending that since the Fendalton/Waimari Community Board funded this service which benefited residents of both communities last year, that there would be some equity, if Riccarton/Wigram Community Board considers this an acceptable project, that they fund a portion this year. It is proposed that in the future, starting with the year for which funding will be available from 1 September 2008 that this organisation apply to both Boards for this funding and that if this application is successful that funds be allocated from the Boards in relation to the proportion of the people supported by this service in each ward.
4. It should be noted that while Avonhead is a relatively affluent area there are some low income families in the area, including some migrant and refugee families.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2007:

Item	Cost	Amount Requested
Family and Child worker wages 0.25 FTE	\$5,500	\$5,500
Family and Child worker wages 0.25 FTE	\$5,500	0
Total Cost	\$11,000	\$5,500

The other costs of this project will be met by Avonhead Community Trust.

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

6. Yes see page 172, regarding the Discretionary Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

8. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Yes.

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

10. Yes see page 172, regarding the Discretionary Fund.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. Yes in alignment with the Community Wellbeing strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve \$5,500 in support of this application from the Board's 2007/08 Discretionary Fund.