

## 17. REQUEST FOR FUNDING: SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, funding requests from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Development Scheme Funding Committee, for consideration under the 2007/08 Board Discretionary Funds.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Development Funding Committee met on 23 and 27 August 2007 to consider the Community Development and Sport and Recreation applications for the 2007/08 funding year. A total of 44 applications were received under the Community Development Scheme, requesting a total of \$115,251. The Committee had a total of \$32,860 to allocate to Community Development projects. Due to the number and quality of applications a number were referred to alternative funding sources. As a result, the Community Development Funding Scheme Committee resolved to forward three applications totalling \$7,500 for consideration to the Community Board Discretionary Fund and four applications totalling \$5,750 to the SCAP Committee.
3. Those referred to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board are initiatives that would meet the Board Discretionary objectives and considered worthy of support.
4. The following table illustrates the groups, their projects, how much was requested and the Committee's recommendations made in relation to the Community Development Scheme Guidelines.

Group	Purpose	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Sydenham Development Project – Mothers at Home	To support child-care costs for the mothers at home programme.	\$2,274	\$2,000
Caroline Reid Foundation	To support administration and overhead costs.	\$4,000	\$2,500
New Harvest Trust	To support manager's salary.	\$15,000	\$3,000
<b>Total Requested \$</b>		<b>\$21,274</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>

5. Sydenham Community Development Project has operated the now "award winning" Mother's at Home programme since the beginning of 2006. On-site child care provision is imperative to the operation of this programme and they are now trialling a second group. Outcomes for this group include focus on building confidence and self-esteem. The funding seeks to support the costs towards the child care costs.
6. Caroline Reid Foundation supports children and adolescents who live in an environment where one or more of the family members have a mental illness affecting the young person's quality of life. This funding request supports general administration costs (eg stationary, cleaning), overheads (power and phone) and supervision.
7. New Harvest Trust works to meet the practical needs of people on low incomes and marginalised people in our community. They encourage a culture of recycling for the benefit of those who are experiencing financial hardship. This project also has the outcomes of reducing social isolation issues in our community. The Trust has gone through significant development and is currently negotiating a lease for a new site, which will assist with their longer term sustainability. They have recently secured a contract which is extending their work with a focus on people presenting with mental illness issues (peer support project).

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. The Spreydon/Heathcote 2007/08 Community Board Discretionary Fund has available \$51,830 for allocation.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

9. There are no legal considerations.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

10. This fund aligns with the 2006-16 LTCCP.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

11. This fund aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy and Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Objectives for 2006-2009.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board support the funding recommendations from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Development Fund Committee from the 2007/08 Discretionary Fund.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be supported.