

**5. FUNDING REQUESTS REFERRED FROM SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 07/08**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Strengthening Community Action Plan (SCAP) Committee, of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, applications for funding consideration from the 2007/08 Community Development Scheme funding round.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

<b>Group</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount recommended</b>
Cashmere Kindergarten	To support development of an interactive garden (second phase)	\$5,000	\$2,000
Creative Company	To support new group using arts as a medium for social well-being outcomes (wages)	\$3,094	\$1,000
Opawa Baptist Church	To support "Community Spring Clean" project.	\$1,750	\$750
Opawa Baptist Church	To support Koru programme (wages)	\$2,000	\$1,000

5. Cashmere Kindergarten have been raising funds for a garden project which incorporates an interactive approach with plants, animals and insects with the aim of educating about the environment. This project also includes composting and benefits of recycling.
6. Creative Company is based at Wharerora House of Life, Barrington. This is a new arts and craft programme with the aim "to provide a place of welcome and hospitality to men and women from the local community who, through encouragement and participation in activities of the creative arts, will grow in self confidence and social well-being, and experience an enhanced experience in community living". The programme runs fortnightly and currently has ten people attending.
7. Opawa Baptist Church "Spring Clean Project" is modelling the idea attaining maximum leverage by running this project around Neighbourhood Week in October. The project has several aims, including spring clean streets and river in local area, spring clean local residences and community groups, vegetable seeds project (seedlings given to local families) and hosting a community lunch. This project has been run for the last two years, and is developing the concept to involve more community outreach.
8. Opawa Baptist Church's "Koru Programme", aimed at intermediate aged children, was initiated in 2006, which SCAP supported at its very early stage. This programme is developing successfully with good links to Waltham School. Its focus is a Friday night club with games, peer leadership and life skills. There are now 20 regular participants.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. The Spreydon/Heathcote SCAP Committee has available \$25,000 for allocation in its delegated fund.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

10. There are no legal considerations.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

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

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

12. This fund aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy and SCAP 2007/08 aims and priorities.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote SCAP Committee consider the recommendations of the Community Development Funding Committee, as outlined in paragraphs 4 to 8 above, as part of its 2007/08 support to local projects.