

10. APPLICATION TO DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND - CHRISTMAS PACKS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek a resolution from the Board on funding for the Christmas Packs the Board has historically given to elderly people in the community who are in housing units or residential care.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Board has for many years purchased Christmas packs for the tenants in local housing units and the residents and staff of Pompallier House. Board members personally deliver these packs and find this to be an informal, but effective opportunity to liaise with the tenants and residents.
3. Historically the cost of these packs was funded from the Board's operational budget, however in recent years it has been funded from the Discretionary Response Fund (DRF). The DRF is traditionally used to fund projects which do not fit the criteria for other funding sources within Council.
4. The Board has previously given consideration to funding certain activities from its Discretionary Response Fund, and agreed in principle to continue to provide the Christmas Packs and to fund them from the DRF (15 April 2008).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no financial implications outside existing budgets.
6. The total cost of this project is \$300. There is currently a balance of \$7,914 in the Board's Discretionary Response Fund (plus the \$2,000 for Youth Development).

Project Costs

18 Packs @ 15.00	270
1 Pack @ 30.00	30
Total	\$300

7. There are no financial risks associated with the delivery of this project.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. Yes, the recommendations align with the budgets under Grants on Page 184 of the 2009-19 LTCCP.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

9. Yes, there are none.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

10. Yes. The Board's discretionary funding is part of the Community Grants services on Pages 171-185 of the 2009-19 LTCCP.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. The recommendations in this report align with the Strengthening Communities Strategy.
12. Not directly applicable, although the recommendation aligns with the Community Board's objective of:
 - *Increasing community awareness of the Boards role, responsibilities and activities.*

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board resolve to allocate \$300 from its Discretionary Response Fund for the purchase of Christmas Packs for local elderly citizens.