

### 3. METROPOLITAN DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND APPLICATIONS

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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Metropolitan Funding Committee to consider an application, requesting a total of \$35,346.83, from the 2009/10 Metropolitan Discretionary Response Fund.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 2009/10 the total pool available for allocation for the Metropolitan Discretionary Response Fund, as in the LTCCP, consists of \$170,000.
3. The purpose of the Fund is to assist community groups where the project and funding request falls outside other Council funding criteria and/or closing dates. This fund is also for emergency funding for unforeseen situations.
4. Applications requesting over \$15,000 require consideration by the Metropolitan Funding Committee.
5. To date, four applications to the Discretionary Response Fund have been received. Three of these applications are requesting over \$15,000 and therefore require a decision from the Metropolitan Funding Committee. This report deals with one of the three requests.
6. A decision matrix is **attached** as Appendix A to assist the Committee members in their deliberations. The decision matrix details the funding request from the applicant organisation and provides information, commentary and recommendations from staff.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. As per the 2009-19 LTCCP, there is currently \$170,000 available to allocate in the Metropolitan Discretionary Response Fund. In the \$750,000 reduction in grants that the Council has decided for the 2009/10 year, it has been proposed by the Grants Working Party that the amount in the Discretionary Fund be reduced to \$150,000. A decision on this will be made at the 23 July 2009 meeting of the Council. If it is agreed there is a reduction, there will still be enough in the Discretionary Fund to fund this application if the Committee wish to do so.

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

8. Yes.

#### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. None.

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

10. Not applicable.

#### ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Yes, Community Support.

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

12. Yes, Community Grants.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

13. Strengthening Communities Strategy.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

14. Yes, Strengthening Communities Strategy.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

15. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Metropolitan Funding Committee consider and approve the recommendation contained in the attached Metropolitan Discretionary Response Fund Decision Matrix (July Round 2009/10).