

5. APPLICATION TO RICCARTON/WIGRAM DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND - CHRISTCHURCH RACECOURSE RESERVE TRUSTEES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's recommendation to the Board to consider an application for funding from the Christchurch Racecourse Reserve Trustees to the 2010/11 Riccarton/Wigram Discretionary Response Fund.
2. At the time of writing, there is \$36,697 remaining in the Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. In 2010/11, the total pool available for allocation for the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Discretionary Response Fund is \$51,197. The Discretionary Response Fund opens each year on 1 July and closes on 30 June the following year, or when all funds are expended.
4. 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.
5. At the Council meeting of 22 April 2010, the Council resolved to change the criteria and delegations around the local Discretionary Response Fund.
6. The change in criteria limited the items that the local Discretionary Response Fund does not cover to only:
 - (a) Legal challenges or Environment Court challenges against the Council, Council Controlled Organisations or Community Boards decisions;
 - (b) Projects or initiatives that change the scope of a Council project; and
 - (c) Projects or initiatives that will lead to ongoing operational costs to the Council.Council also made a note that: "Community Boards can recommend to the Council for consideration grants under 1(b)and 1(c)."
7. Information on the application from Christchurch Racecourse Reserve Trustees, is attached (**Attachment 1**). Staff consider the application a low priority and therefore recommend that the Board decline the application from Christchurch Racecourse Reserve Trustees towards the printing costs of The Teahouse Restoration Booklet.

Financial Implications

8. There is currently \$36,697 remaining in the Board's 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

9. Yes, see page 184 of the LTCCP regarding community grants schemes including Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans, page 172 and 176.

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

12. Yes, see LTCCP pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes, including Board funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. This application aligns with Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Services Committee recommends that the Board declines the request from the Christchurch Racecourse Reserve Trustees.