

2. CRIMEWATCH (CHCH) INC. - ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services Group, DDI 941-8607
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present an additional request for funding to the Board on behalf of Crimewatch (ChCh) Inc. The request is for a further \$1,250 from the Board's Discretionary Response Fund. A similar request has been made to the Shirley/Papanui Community Board for the same amount.
2. There is currently \$33,000 remaining in the Board's Discretionary Fund for 2009/10.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. On 7 October 2009 the Board considered an application for funding from Crimewatch (ChCh) Inc. The Board resolved to make a grant of \$1,250 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to Crimewatch (ChCh) Inc towards the costs of updating the signage on five patrol vehicles.
4. Upon receipt of their letter confirming the grant, the President of Crimewatch (ChCh) Inc contacted staff to inform them there had been a mistake on their application form. The amount requested on the form was \$2,500 which was to be split 50/50 with the Shirley/Papanui ward. Therefore staff at both Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui recommended \$1,250 from their respective Boards.
5. The organisation was in fact requesting \$2,500 from each Board towards the sign-writing of the vehicles and have asked that the Board reconsider its decision and grant an additional \$1,250 towards this project.
6. Papanui Community Watch Inc was incorporated in 1995 and recently (April 2009) changed its name to Crimewatch (ChCh) Inc.
7. Crimewatch (ChCh) Inc act to assist the New Zealand Police in the promotion and fostering of law and order within the Christchurch Police sub-district by means of mobile and foot patrols, encouraging the general public to assist in this objective and to endeavour to provide a safer community for residents to live in.
8. The area in which this organisation operates is covered by both the Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui wards. However, the organisation does also assist on projects outside this area, notably in other areas of the Northern Policing Area and at functions at AMI Stadium.
9. Because of the change of name, the organisation now wish to update the signage on their vehicles.
10. Previously the organisation received sponsorship for the sign-writing but their sponsor is unable to assist them with such a large number of vehicles as previously they only had one done at a time which was usually as they replaced a vehicle.
11. Part of the vehicle updating, includes fitting emergency lighting to each vehicle. The additional cost of this will be met by the organisation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. There is currently \$33,000 remaining in the Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.
13. The latest Annual Audited Accounts (to 31 March 2009) of this organisation show an annual turnover of approximately \$12,000 with a surplus for the year of just over \$3,000. Their accounts showed a balance of almost \$3,800.

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

14. Yes, see page 184 LTCCP regarding community grants schemes including Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

15. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

16. 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?

17. Yes, Strengthening Communities (pg 172 - 2009-19 LTCCP).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

18. This application aligns with the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy, specifically:
- Enhancing the safety of communities and neighbourhoods.
19. It also aligns with the following Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board's objective:
- That the Fendalton/Waimairi Ward is a safe place for all residents.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

20. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

21. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Services Committee recommends that the Board declines the request for the additional \$1,250 towards the costs of updating the signage on five patrol vehicles and suggest that the organisation seek alternative sponsorship for the remaining costs.