

**12. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND - AVEBURY HOUSE COMMUNITY TRUST - COMMUNITY GARDEN**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Community Services Group, DDI 941-8607
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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding from Avebury House Community Trust to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.
2. The request is for \$500 towards materials and equipment for a community garden.
3. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board presently has \$45,161 available in its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

4. Avebury House is a community house situated on Eveleyn Couzins Avenue in Richmond. It has been in operation since 2002. It was registered as a Charitable Trust on 6 May 2008.
5. Avebury House is run by Avebury House Community Trust, which works with local communities to ensure that Avebury House is a financially accessible resource that functions as an integral part of the community, enhancing and empowering community aspirations.
6. The Trust employs a community worker who has worked at Avebury House since 2002. The community worker is responsible for coordinating all groups and individuals using the house, networking and facilitating all programmes and events initiated as a result of consultations.
7. The community worker is tasked with assisting community groups to research and highlight community needs and resources; encourage and support the development of community programmes; implementation of activities and services that meet identified community needs; and liaison with appropriate representatives of the local Tangata Whenua.
8. The community worker has thus been working with older adults in the community who expressed interest in starting a garden using land at the rear of Avebury House. The land was previously used by City Care as a nursery. City Care have informed Avebury House that they have no future plans to use the land. A meeting was held from which eight members of the community decided they wanted to embark on the community gardening project as soon as possible.
9. The purpose of the community garden is to ensure optimum use of the land and to donate excess vegetables to the local community.
10. On 17 October 2009 keen community members prepared the land and planted their first crop that weekend.
11. Already donations of fresh vegetables have been made to older adults in the community and to Delta Community House which gives the fresh produce as part of their food parcels. Networking and collaboration is taking place with the Delta Community Support Trust Gardens, IDEA Stanmore, and the friends and family of Richmond School gardens.
12. Avebury House, along with the other groups with which it is collaborating and networking, hope to continue to encourage and support people in the Richmond area to create their own gardens.
13. Avebury House is seeking funding of \$500 for second hand tools and equipment, a bin for a worm farm and other materials to strengthen the gardening project.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

14. Sound financial practices are in place. Audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009 have been provided.
15. The total cost of getting the community garden project started is approximately \$1,500. \$200 has been spent on plants and small hand tools. The community has already contributed materials towards this project. This includes timber for raised beds donated by a local company, worms for the worm farm (which are currently farmed in an old recycling bin), seed trays and other second hand materials.
16. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board presently has \$45,161 available in its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.
17. Previous funding received by the Avebury Community Trust from the Council follows:  
2008/09 -\$11,500 for security and administration.  
2009/10 -\$11,000 for security.

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

18. Yes, page 184.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

19. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

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

20. 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?**

21. Yes, Strengthening Communities (page 172 of the 2009-19 LTCCP).

## **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

22. This application meets the following Council Community Grants Funding Outcomes:
  - Support, develop and promote the capacity and sustainability of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups.
  - Increase participation in and awareness of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups, programmes and local events.
  - Reduce or overcome barriers to participation.
  - Provide community based programmes which enhance basic life skills.
23. It also helps to meet the following Community Board objectives:
  - Acknowledge diversity and support measures for a vibrant, inclusive and strong communities.
  - Support/advocate for initiatives that support lifelong learning.
  - Encourage participation in recreation sports and arts for all.

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

24. Yes, Strengthening Communities Strategy.

### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

25. None required.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board allocate \$500 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to Avebury House to assist with costs for the community garden.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.