

13. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND - SUMNER BAYS UNION TRUST - COMPUTING @ REDCLIFFS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding from Sumner Bays Union Trust to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.
2. The request is for \$1,946 towards costs for the running of a computing course at Redcliffs.
3. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board presently has \$45,161 available in its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. The Sumner Bays Union Trust (SBUT) was incorporated as a charitable trust in October 2008. The Trust was set up in response to a study done by social work students on social needs within the Hagley/Ferrymead wards.
5. SBUT was formed to build capacity in the Sumner Redcliffs area through the implementation of a range of initiatives targeting the socially disadvantaged, in particular older adults affected by social isolation, and further development of the Sumner Art and Craft Market.
6. The Trust works to support capacity building within the community, build relationships within the community and provide opportunities for adult education. The Trust seeks to provide information on services available within the Sumner Redcliffs area.
7. Computing @ Redcliffs is a project which gives adults an opportunity to learn new skills during a day-time class running for two hours on a Tuesday morning over eight weeks. In 2009, the first course was fully enrolled and a qualified and experienced tutor was employed.
8. Funding is being sought to pay the tutor's wages, teaching resources, hall hire and community connection.
9. Computing @ Redcliffs is a programme that has been previously funded by the Adult Community Education (ACE) department at Linwood College. In May 2009, central government announced cuts to ACE funding. Linwood College did not receive funding for 2010 and will therefore not be in a position to support this.
10. Council does not fund programmes that are considered to be central government responsibility. This is therefore considered to be low priority.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. Sound financial systems have been put in place. Accounts are audited annually and audited accounts have been received for the period ended 30 June 2009. There are internal financial systems in place.
12. The total cost of the project for the period February to March 2010 is \$2,586. User fees for the course will amount to \$640. No other funding has been sought for this purpose.
13. The Christchurch City Council donated a computer to the Trust to help with set up of an office in November 2009.
14. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board presently has \$45,161 available in its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

15. Previous funding received by SBUT from the Council follows:
2008/09-\$3,000 for office set up and administration
2008/09-\$5,000 for Redcliffs community garden
2009/10-\$536 for Music and movement

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

16. Yes, page 184.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

18. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

20. 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.
 - Provide community based programmes which enhance basic life skills.
21. It also helps to meet the following Community Board objectives:
- Support/advocate for initiatives that support lifelong learning.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

22. Yes, Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

23. None required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board decline the application from Sumner Bays Union Trust for the Computing @ Redcliffs project, as the Council does not fund educational programmes that are considered to be Central Government responsibility.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.