

10. BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUNDING - 2010/11 ALLOCATIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board to allocate the Burwood/Pegasus Strengthening Communities Fund for 2010/11.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This report provides information to Community Board members on the applications received for the Strengthening Communities Fund and includes updated information following Board discussions at the Burwood/Pegasus Board Funding Workshop on 14 June.
3. The total pool available for allocation in 2010/11, as outlined in the LTCCP, is \$238,918. Pre-existing commitments total \$35,705, leaving \$203,213 to be allocated. Applications totalling \$394,858 were received. Current staff recommendations total \$203,213.
4. Attached (as **Attachment 1**) is a Decision Matrix, which outlines the projects that funding is being sought for. Following staff collaboration meetings, staff have ranked all projects as either Priority 1, 2, 3 or 4 and have made recommendations as to funding.
5. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board Funding Workshop on 14 June 2010 gave Community Board members the opportunity to go through the applications received in order to clarify any issues or questions about applications.
6. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board has put forward one project as a Key Local Project (KLP) in 2010/11. This project is not included on the attached matrix as it now appears on the Metropolitan matrix. If approved it will be funded from the Metropolitan funding pool. Burwood/Pegasus also has one existing KLP that receives funding from the Metropolitan funding pool.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

8. Yes. Community Board funding decisions are made under delegated authority from the Council.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

9. Yes Strengthening Communities Funding and Community Board Funding, see LTCCP pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes, including Board funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

10. The funding allocation process carried out by Christchurch Community Boards is covered in the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

11. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board give consideration to the projects detailed in the attached decision matrix and approve allocations from the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board Strengthening Communities Funding for 2010/11.

BACKGROUND

Strengthening Communities Strategy

12. The Council adopted the Strengthening Communities Strategy on 12 July 2007. The Strengthening Communities Grants Funding Programme comprises four funding schemes:
 - (a) Strengthening Communities Fund
 - (b) Small Grants Fund (previously Small Projects Fund)
 - (c) Discretionary Response Fund
 - (d) Community Organisations Loan Scheme
13. For detailed information on the Strengthening Communities Strategy's Outcomes and Priorities see **Attachment 2**. The specific criteria for the Strengthening Communities Fund is also attached, as **Attachment 3**, and the Board's Objectives are attached, as **Attachment 4**.

The Decision Matrix

14. Information on the projects is presented in a Decision Matrix, **Attachment 1**. To ensure consistency, the same Decision Matrix format and presentation has been provided to the Metropolitan Funding Committee and all Community Boards.
15. Applications are project-based; information is provided that relates specifically to the project for which funding is being sought, not the wider organisation.
16. All applications appearing on the Decision Matrix have been assigned a Priority Rating. The Priority Ratings are:
 - Priority 1** Meets all eligibility criteria and contributes significantly to Funding Outcomes and Priorities. Highly recommended for funding.
 - Priority 2** Meets all eligibility criteria and contributes to Funding Outcomes and Priorities. Recommended for funding.
 - Priority 3** Meets all eligibility criteria and contributes to Funding Outcomes and Priorities but to a lesser extent than Priority 2 applications. Not recommended for funding.
 - Priority 4** Meets all eligibility criteria and has minimum contribution to Funding Outcomes and Priorities; or Insufficient information provided by applicant (in application and after request from Advisor); or Other funding sources more appropriate. Not recommended for funding.
17. Staff have used the following criteria to determine whether an application is a Priority One:
 - Impact the project has on the city.
 - Reach of the project
 - Depth of the project
 - Value for Money
 - Best Practice
 - Innovation
 - Strong alignment to Council Outcomes and Priorities
 - Noteworthy leverage or partnership/match funding from other organisations or government departments.
18. A draft matrix was presented to the Board at a workshop on 14 June, no decisions were made at the workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to enable the Board and staff to discuss the projects, clarify any issues and seek further information, if necessary.

Key Local Projects

19. Each Board may nominate Key Local Projects (KLPs) in its area that are put forward to the Metropolitan Funding Committee for consideration for metropolitan funding.
20. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board has put forward one project as Key Local Projects in 2010/11. This project is not included on the attached matrix as it now appears on the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund matrix. This project is:

Name of Group and Project	Amount Funded
Project Employment and Environmental Enhancement Programme - <i>Community Work and Training</i>	\$35,000

21. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board already has one existing KLP. This is funded from the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund. This KLP is:

Name of Group and Project	Amount Funded
Aranui Community Trust Incorporated Society - <i>Aranui Community Co-ordinator wages/AFFIRM - Family Festival</i>	\$31,000

Existing Commitments

22. The Board currently has four multi-year funded projects. Each of these projects was funded for a period of three years in 2008/09. This year is the final year of the agreement. Please see table below for details.

Name of Group and Project	Amount Funded
Burwood Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Inc) - <i>Daily Co-ordinators Wages</i>	\$ 6,000.00
Project Early Charitable Trust - <i>Case Worker Salaries</i>	\$ 10,000.00
New Brighton and Districts Historical Society Inc - <i>Rental of premises for museum</i>	\$ 9,705.00
Wainoni/Avonside Community Services Trust - <i>Community workers wages and operational expenses</i>	\$ 10,000.00

Ineligible Applications

23. No ineligible applications were received.

Timeline and Process

24. Community Boards have delegated authority from the Council to make final decisions on the Strengthening Communities Funding for their respective wards. The Board's decisions will be actioned immediately following the decision meeting. All groups will then be informed of the decisions and funding agreements will be negotiated where relevant. All funding approved is for the period of September to August each year, therefore grants will be paid out in early September 2010.