

12. REQUEST FOR FUNDING WESTMINSTER SPORTS INC

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a funding application to the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to be considered under discretionary funds for the Westminster Sports. Westminster Sports is requesting \$17,000 to assist with the costs of employing a KiwiSports co-ordinator.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Westminster Sports Incorporated (WSI) was established in July 2006. The organisation combines the interests of a number of sports clubs and organisations clustered around Christchurch Park/Westminster Park on Westminster Street, Mairehau. The clubs and organisations that form the membership of WSI cover eight different codes. In total around 2,412 people are members of WSI's constituent clubs. The vision of WSI is "To enhance and encourage the participation of our members and the community by providing appropriate facilities and leadership".
3. KiwiSport is a new fund that aims to increase the numbers of school-age children participating in organised sport. It is expected that this programme will be run both in and out of school hours. It is hoped that this programme will strengthen links with the sports clubs and the schools especially during out of school hours. It is envisaged that the fund will increase the availability and accessibility of sport opportunities for all school-aged children and support children in developing skills that will enable them to participate effectively in sport at both primary and secondary level.
4. Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust undertook an extensive community consultation to identify priorities for Regional Project Fund investment. A top priority was the establishment of "KiwiSport Coordinators" in local communities. It is anticipated that these positions will be funded through the utilisation of the KiwiSport Direct Fund (money from schools), the Regional Partnership Fund as well as additional locally based funding to coordinate the delivery of sport at a community level.
5. The Westminster KiwiSport Coordinator will be responsible for increasing the number of primary school-aged children participating in in-school and out-of-school organised sport, increasing skills and improving the linkages between schools and other community groups/clubs. It is planned that the KiwiSport Coordinator will be working daily in a cluster of eight primary and intermediate schools in the Shirley/Papanui ward. These schools are Mairehau Primary, Glenmoor School, Hammersley Park, Our Lady of Fatima, Shirley Intermediate, St Albans Catholic, and St Albans School.
6. The eight schools have all had discussions with Westminster sports and agree in principal to supporting a Kiwi sport position. The total roll numbers for this cluster is 1913 children. Westminster sports is still working on the details on what this programme would look like however it is their intention and objective deliver the following outcomes;
 - Develop cluster based school/community sports competitions
 - Support Fundamentals programmes, teacher professional development and coach education, establishment of in school and after school programmes
 - Linking of children to clubs/community groups
 - Introducing children to secondary school sport
 - Starting to address the issue of transportation (getting kids to sports events)
 - WSI expect to establish this position before the start of term four. With programmes commencing at the start of term four.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The Shirley Papanui Community Board currently have \$11,928 in their 2009/10 Discretionary Response fund available to allocation.

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

8. Yes, see page 172, Discretionary Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. Not applicable

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

10. Not applicable

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Page 176 of the LTCCP, level of service under Community Board funding Strong Communities.

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

12. Recommendation is in line with Community board discretionary budget and meets level of support within strong communities

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Community and Strengthening Communities Strategy

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. Yes

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board approve a grant of \$11,928 from their 2009/10 discretionary funds to go towards the KiwiSport Coordinator salary subject to monies received from the Sport Canterbury Regional Partnership fund and from the Schools KiwiSports direct funding pool.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.