

4. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUND 2009/10 – SECOND ROUND ALLOCATIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Committee to recommend to the Board to allocate the remainder of the Fendalton/Waimairi Strengthening Communities Fund for the 2009/10 financial year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This report provides information to Community Board Members on the applications received for the Strengthening Communities Fund second round. Applications totalling \$21,500 were received. Staff recommendations total \$15,750.
3. In 2009/10, the total pool available for allocation in this second round is \$20,000, being the unallocated funds from the initial pool of \$263,648 as outlined in the Long Term Council Community Plan.
4. **Attached** 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.

BACKGROUND

Strengthening Communities Strategy

5. 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 Projects Fund
 - (c) Discretionary Response Fund
 - (d) Community Organisations Loan Scheme
6. The following funding outcomes have been used to evaluate and assess applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund:
 - 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
 - Increase community engagement in local decision making
 - Enhance community and neighbourhood safety
 - Provide community based programmes which enhance basic life skills
 - Reduce or overcome barriers to participation
 - Foster collaborative responses to areas of identified need
7. The following funding priorities have been taken into consideration when assessing applications:
 - Older Adults
 - Children and Youth
 - People with Disabilities
 - Ethnic and Culturally Diverse Groups
 - Disadvantaged and/or Socially Excluded
 - Capacity of Community Organisations
 - Civic Engagement

8. The following criteria must be met by all applicants:
- A community based not-for-profit community, recreation, sporting, arts, social service, environment or heritage organisation.
 - All groups applying for more than \$2,000 must be incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 or the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 or a legal entity registered for charitable purposes
 - Be based in the Christchurch City Council area with funded programmes or services being provided primarily for Christchurch City Council residents.
 - Must have provided accountability reports for all previous Council funding and have no unresolved or outstanding accountability issues including outstanding debt to Council.
 - Must have had the funding application approved at a properly convened committee meeting and in writing.
 - Must provide evidence of the need for the project.
 - Have appropriate financial management, accounting, monitoring and reporting practices.
 - Have sound governance and appropriate operational capability and capacity to deliver to the level as agreed.
 - Be able to commit to collaboration and partnering, where appropriate.
 - Groups receiving Council funding at a metropolitan level may only apply for local funding if the project is specifically local and no portion of it has been funded at the metropolitan level.
 - Community Boards may decide in conjunction with Council Units to deliver activities to their local communities.

The Decision Matrix

9. Information on the projects is presented in a Decision Matrix, attached.
10. Applications are project-based; information is provided that relates specifically to the project for which funding is being sought, not the wider organisation.
11. 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.

Additional Applications

12. Groups that receive funding from the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund may only receive local level funding if the project is specifically local and no portion of it has been funded at the Metropolitan level.