

12. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUNDING – KEY LOCAL PROJECTS 2010

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board to consider whether they wish to recommend the Akaroa Resource Collective Trust - Youth Development and Community Activities as a Key Local Project to the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund for 2010/11.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In a public excluded seminar, held on 15 April 2010, the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board considered the issue of Key Local Projects for 2010.
3. As part of the Strengthening Communities Grants Funding Programme, 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.
4. The Metropolitan Funding Committee will make KLP decisions based on affordability and the following priorities:
 - Strengthening Communities Strategy Principles and Goals;
 - Funding outcomes and priorities as set out in Strengthening Communities Strategy;
 - Alignment to local Community Board objectives;AND
 - Projects deliver benefits to the city outside of the local Board area;
 - Key community issues contemplated under Goal 2 of the Strengthening Communities Strategy.
5. In addition, staff recommendations for Key Local Projects are also based on whether the project meets the following criteria:
 - The organisation undertaking the project has a proven track record with the Council in providing a high quality level of service;
 - Significantly contributes towards the Council's Funding Outcomes and Priorities;
 - Demonstrates leadership and innovation;
 - Demonstrates best-practice and collaboration.
6. In 2009/10, the Community Board recommended the following KLP, which was subsequently agreed to by Metropolitan Funding Committee:

Name of Group	Name of Project	Amount Funded
Akaroa Resource Collective Trust	Youth Development and Community Activities	\$30,800

7. All new KLPs in 2009/10 were funded for one year only owing to the uncertain impacts of the planned \$1.5m reduction in Community Grants funding.
8. Staff recommend that the Community Board support this organisation again as a KLP in 2010/11. **Attached** is a decision matrix that provides information on the project they are seeking funding for. (**Attachment 1**)
9. Staff have also reviewed all applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund 2010/11 to identify if there are any projects that should be considered for recommendation to the Metropolitan Funding Committee as Key Local Projects for 2010/11. (**Attachment 2**)
10. Staff recommend that no other projects be recommended from the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board as KLPs for 2010/11.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. In 20010/11, Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board will have \$29,865 to allocate in its Strengthening Communities Fund.

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

12. 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?

13. 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?

14. 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?

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

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board recommends the Akaroa Resource Collective Trust - Youth Development and Community Activities project as a Key Local Project to be considered by the Metropolitan Funding Committee for the 2010-11 Strengthening Communities Fund.

BACKGROUND

17. 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
 - (c) Discretionary Response Fund
 - (d) Community Organisations Loan Scheme
18. The funding schemes enable the Council and its community boards to support and provide leverage opportunities for not-for-profit, community focused groups seeking funding in support of their community endeavours.
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 agreed process to determine if a “local” funding application should be processed as a KLP is detailed in the report that was adopted by the Council on 4 October, 2007.
21. The Metropolitan Funding Committee will make KLP decisions based on affordability and the following priorities:
 - Strengthening Communities Strategy Principles and Goals;
 - Funding outcomes and priorities as set out in Strengthening Communities Strategy;
 - Alignment to local Community Board objectives;

AND

- Projects deliver benefits to the city outside of the local Board area
 - Key community issues contemplated under Goal 2 of the Strengthening Communities Strategy.
22. The process for considering KLPs is as follows:
 - i) Community Boards nominate and priorities their KLPs and make a recommendation to the Metropolitan Funding Committee.
 - ii) The Metropolitan Funding Committee makes decisions on Board recommended KLPs.
 - iii) Successful KLPs are allocated funding from the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund.
 - iv) Unsuccessful KLPs are returned to the Community Board for consideration under the local Strengthening Communities Fund.
 23. Community Boards are advised that where candidates for KLP funding consideration are successful in receiving funding from the Metropolitan Funding Committee, then there can be no further funding call on the Board for that project.
 24. This is also the case, where a successful candidate is funded to a lower level than has been recommended by the Board. This reflects the “funding constraints” criteria agreed by Council in Appendix F of the 4 October 2007 report which states that “*Groups receiving funding at a Metropolitan level may only receive local level funding if the project is specifically local and no portion of it has been funded at the Metropolitan level*”.
 25. In 2009/10, the Community Board recommended the following KLP, which was subsequently agreed to by Metropolitan Funding Committee:

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26. All new KLPs in 2009/10 were funded for one year only owing to the uncertain impacts of the planned \$1.5m reduction in Community Grants funding. The Akaroa Resource Collective has again applied to the Community Board for funding in the 2010/11 funding round.

27. Staff recommend that the Community Board support this organisation again as a KLP in 2010/11.

Additional Key Local Projects for 2010/11

28. Staff have reviewed all applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund 2010/11 to identify if there are any projects that should be considered for recommendation to the Metropolitan Funding Committee as Key Local Projects for 2010/11.
29. A list of all applications to the Akaroa Wairewa Community Board Strengthening Communities Fund 2010/11 is attached. (**Attachment 2**)
30. Staff recommend that no other projects be recommended from Akaroa Wairewa Community Board as KLPs for 2010/11.