

17. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – REDCLIFFS PUBLIC LIBRARY INC. – PURCHASE OF CHILDREN’S AND ADULTS READING BOOKS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding from Redcliffs Public Library Inc. to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.
2. The request is for \$1,500 towards the purchase of new books for children and adults.
3. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board presently has \$44,326 available in its Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. Redcliffs Public Library Inc. opened in 1952 and is situated at 91 Main Road in Redcliffs. The library is run by a group of volunteers who live in the community.
5. The library opens during the week from 10am to 4pm and from 7pm to 8pm on three week nights. On Saturdays the library is open from 10am to 12.30pm.
6. The library’s main objective is to provide books for a wide range of readers from children to older adults. Emphasis is placed on ensuring that large print books are made available for older adults.
7. The library tries to keep a current collection of books. This ensures that the community is kept interested in reading and accessing resources that are available to them locally. Mothers with young children are able to borrow books that they can read to their children or for the children to learn to read.
8. Many of these books are printed overseas, so as a result, the costs associated with importing books to keep the library well stocked with the latest books are high.
9. The Council Libraries and Information Unit provides support to the voluntary libraries as part of their contribution to Community Outcomes. They however are cognisant of the fact that the voluntary libraries are separate legal entities. As such the voluntary libraries provide books depending on what they deem to be most relevant to their communities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Sound financial practices are in place. Redcliffs Public Library has its accounts audited annually.
11. The library seeking a grant of \$1,500 towards purchase of new books for children and adults.
12. In 2007/08 and 2008/09 Redcliffs Public Library received two grants of \$1,250 each towards purchase of new books from the Strengthening Community Fund. The library also received \$2,560 and \$1,000 for books and maintenance in 2008/09 and 2009/10 from the Christchurch City Council Libraries.
13. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board presently has \$44,326 available in its Discretionary Response Fund.

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

14. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

15. No legal implications have been identified.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

16. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans, pages 172 and 176.

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

18. 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.
19. It also helps to meet the following Community Board objectives:
- Acknowledge diversity and support measures for a vibrant, inclusive and strong communities.
 - Support/advocate for initiatives that support lifelong learning.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

20. Yes, Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

21. None required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board make a grant of \$1,250 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to Redcliffs Public Library Inc. towards purchase of new books.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.