

9. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND - SUMNER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a funding request to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund from the Sumner Residents' Association, for the reimbursement of a post office mail box rental fee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Sumner Residents' Association (SRA) is an active residents group. Members pay an annual subscription of \$10 per household/member. The SRA have provided financial information in support of their request.
3. SRA has a post office mail box as it provides continuity of incoming postal information particularly when officers of the Association change.
4. SRA received an invoice for the post office box rental fee of \$135, which was due on 20 March 2010. The invoice covered the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011. This was paid by SRA to secure the post office box, as the funding application lodged would not be heard by the Board before 20 March 2010. SRA are now applying to have this reimbursed from the Board's Discretionary Fund.
5. SRA made a similar application to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board which was considered at the Board's 2 September 2009 meeting. At that meeting the Board allocated \$135 for the post office box rental fee for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.
6. The Guide to Christchurch City Council's Community Funding Schemes Discretionary Response Fund states that: "*This fund does not cover 'Retrospective' Costs or purchase costs incurred or settled before the agreed date of the funding agreement*". This application for the reimbursement of the fee is in retrospect.
7. Current Residents Group policy does not include funding for postal boxes. The Residents Group Policy is currently under review.
8. SRA can apply, like other community groups, for community development funding. Applications for the Strengthening Communities Fund closed on 31 March 2010 and the Small Grants Fund closes on 31 May 2010. This funding also does not include retrospective costs.
9. SRA intends to apply under the Small Grants Fund for the post office box rental fee for next invoice year, anticipating that the amount will be the same. This should rectify the funding situation in future years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The Sumner Residents' Association is seeking from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board a reimbursement of \$135 for their post office mail box rental fee (1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011) from the 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

11. Yes the 2009-19 LTCCP page 184, under Community Funding, the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board has discretionary funds for allocation during the 2009/10 financial year.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. Not applicable.

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

13. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. Aligns with the 2009-19 LTCCP page 172, under 'Strengthening Communities', and page 176 under 'Community Grants'.

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

15. Yes, see above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. Supports the Strengthening Communities Strategies.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. Yes, see above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board decline the retrospective request from the Sumner Residents' Association for the reimbursement of a post office mail box rental fee of \$135, as it fall outside the criteria for the Discretionary Response Fund.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the request from the Sumner Residents' Association and allocate \$135 from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund for the postal office mail box rental fee.