

14. SHIRLEY COMMUNITY TRUST

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding of \$728 from the Shirley Community Trust to the Board from its Discretionary Response Fund towards the cost of sending four volunteers to a barista training course at CPIT.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Shirley Community Trust is well established in the Shirley area offering a variety of community-based services, projects, programmes, events and activities. One of these projects is the Macfarlane On The Park community café operating on Fridays during term time from the Neighbourhood Centre on Macfarlane Park. This community café has been extremely successful in offering local residents a low-cost café experience along with the chance to socialise, meet new friends, obtain information about community activities and to join in with other projects run by Shirley Community Trust.
3. The community café is run by a team of volunteers who staff the café as well as bake cakes and biscuits to sell. The success and dedication of this volunteer team was recognised by the Shirley/Papanui Community Board in 2003 with a Community Services Award.
4. The Trust would like to upskill four of its volunteers (3 of whom were founding members of the café), by sending them on a barista training course at CPIT. Part of the Trust's desire to do this is also to assist in the employment opportunities of its local volunteers.
5. In 2009 these four volunteers contributed 2,240 hours to the café enabling the 1,837 visitors to experience friendship, fun and low-cost food and coffee.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

6. The area of Shirley has one of the highest levels of deprivation in Christchurch with median incomes well below the city average. The 2006 census indicated that Shirley had a level of unemployment that was 1½ times the city average. Within this context the Shirley Community Trust has responded with a number of initiatives designed to assist local residents in their learning, participation and safety.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The latest Annual Audited Accounts (to 30 June 2009) of the Shirley Community Trust show an annual turnover of approximately \$160,000 with a net profit of almost \$7,000. The Trust has an equity of just over \$90,000 with \$19,000 of this being fixed assets. Surplus funds that the Trust has are tagged towards projects to run during the year and a reserve that the Trust is putting aside in order to obtain larger premises as the Macfarlane Neighbourhood Centre is limited in what it can offer because of its small size.
8. The Shirley Community Trust currently obtains a \$22,880 grant from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board as a Key Local Project. This grant is for three years with the final year being the 2010/11 financial year and supports the salary costs of the Trust. They also obtained a grant of \$22,500 under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the 2009/10 year towards the cost of their community projects.
9. There is currently a balance of \$18,696 remaining in the Boards 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

13. Yes page 184.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

14 Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

15. 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?

16. Yes Strengthening Communities page 172 (2009-19 LTCCP).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

17. 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.
- Enhance community and neighbourhood safety.
- Provide community based programmes which enhance basic life skills.

This application helps to meet the following goals of the Strengthening Communities Strategy:

- Ensuring that communities have access to community facilities that meet their needs.
- Enhancing the safety of communities and neighbourhoods.
- Improving basic life skills so that all residents can participate fully in society.

It also helps to meet the following Community Board objectives:

- Embraces diversity and strives to facilitate and advocate for a vibrant and engaged community without barriers to inclusion.
- Support and encourage sporting, recreational and cultural activities for a strong, happy community in which all residents in the ward have the opportunity to participate.
- Supports local lifelong learning opportunities in all forms and advocates for resources to empower all residents to up skill and grow.

DO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGN WITH COUNCIL?

18. Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board agree to grant \$728 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Shirley Community Trust for the costs of sending four volunteers on a barista training course.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.