

11. BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD - 2011/12 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND - APPLICATIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board to consider applications for funding from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund from:
 - (a) Bexley Residents' Association
 - (b) Wainoni/Avonside Community Services Trust
 - (c) Aranui Primary School
 - (d) Coastal Spirit Football Club
 - (e) North Wai Boardriders
 - (f) Eastside Christchurch Community Trust.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 2011/12, the total pool available for allocation for the Burwood/Pegasus Discretionary Response Fund is \$62,754. The Discretionary Response Fund opens each year on 1 July and closes on 30 June the following year, or when all funds are expended.
 3. The purpose of the fund is to assist community groups where the project and funding request fall outside other Council funding criteria and/or closing dates. This fund is also for emergency funding for unforeseen situations.
 4. At the Council meeting on 22 April 2010, the Council resolved to change the criteria and delegations around the local Discretionary Response Fund.
 5. The change in criteria limited the items that the local Discretionary Response Fund does not cover to only:
 - (a) Legal challenges or Environment Court challenges against the Council, Council Controlled Organisations or Community Boards decisions;
 - (b) Projects or initiatives that change the scope of a Council project; and
 - (c) Projects or initiatives that will lead to ongoing operational costs to the Council.
- The Council also made a note that: "*Community Boards can recommend to the Council for consideration grants under (b) and (c).*"
6. Based on these criteria, the applications from the Bexley Residents' Association for a commemorative plaque, Wainoni/Avonside Community Services Trust for 10 year celebration and Pamper Day event, Aranui Primary School towards their centenary booklet and Coastal Spirit Football Club for their Football Development programme, North Wai Boardriders towards their School holiday Surf 'n Skate programme, Eastside Community Church towards their Love Avondale Community Weekend, are all eligible for funding.
 7. Detailed information on the application and staff comments are included in the attached Decision Matrix. (Refer **Attachment 1**)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There is currently \$50,455 remaining in the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

9. Yes, see page 184 of the LTCCP regarding community grants schemes including Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans, page 172 and 176.

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

12. Yes, see LTCCP pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes, including Board funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Refer to the attached Decision Matrix.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board:

- (a) Approve a grant of \$650 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the Bexley Residents' Association towards a commemorative plaque.
- (b) Approve a grant of \$3,000 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the Wainoni/Avonside Community Services Trust being \$1,000 towards their Tenth Year celebration and \$2,000 towards the pamper day event.
- (c) Approve a grant of \$4,400 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the Aranui Primary School Centennial Committee towards producing their centenary Booklet/DVD.
- (d) Approve a grant of \$8,000 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the Coastal Spirit Football Club towards the wages for the Football Development Programme subject to current audited accounts being provided to staff.
- (e) Approve a grant of \$569 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the Eastside Christchurch Community Church towards skip hire for the "Love Avondale Weekend" event.
- (f) Approve a grant of \$1,600 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the North Wai Boardriders Club towards the programmes costs for the January 2012 holiday programme.

BACKGROUND – Coastal Spirit Football Club application

15. The Coastal Spirit Football Club was formed as a result of a merger between Rangers Associated Football Club and New Brighton Associated Football Club approximately five years ago. The emphasis with the new club was to re-brand football in the area by offering pathways for youth development across all ages and sexes. It was one of the first clubs in New Zealand to have a full time Football Development role and the programme now in place is the only club based programme of its type in Canterbury.
16. When the clubs merged the Rangers Club sold off their land and clubrooms on McGregors Road. The club established the Canterbury Spirit Trust and donated the funds into this Trust. There is approx \$900,000 in this Trust earning four per cent per annum. Football clubs from throughout Canterbury can apply to the Trust for their football development programmes.
17. The Coastal Spirit Football Club is affiliated to Mainland Football with teams entered into the junior, youth, senior mens and womens competition for the 2012 winter season (totalling approx 700 members). Mainland Football is the governing body for football in the region covering the areas of Canterbury, Mid Canterbury, West Coast, Marlborough and Nelson and is a branch society of New Zealand Football.
18. Mainland Football reported an overall decrease in the number of people playing football in Canterbury since over the 2011 winter season however the Coastal Spirit Football Club has seen an increase of its membership by two junior teams (approx 30 players).
19. The club's success at the representative and national level is becoming a strong feature . They expect to have four girls attending the training camp for the upcoming FIFA U17 World Cup.
20. The Bexley Reserve fields have not been used since September 2010 and the future of the fields is unknown. The club is working with their insurer, NZI Insurance, to resolve their claim for the clubrooms, however the land is questionable and the club's insurance cover is for replacement. The building is valued at between \$1 to 2 million. The club is currently using fields at Linfield and at Cuthberts Green.
21. Other appropriate means of funding, FIFA Earthquake relief funding of over \$300,000 has been donated to assist football in the region to get back on its feet. Mainland Football and the New Zealand Football Foundation are still confirming the process and guidelines that clubs will need to follow to make applications. The Fund will be used to assist to fix earthquake damaged facilities. Clubs with genuine issues created by earthquakes will be able to apply within the next couple of months and it will take two to three months to receive the funds.
22. Comment from Lorraine McLeod Sport Canterbury, Sport Development Officer. *'I have worked with Coastal Spirit Football Club and Gareth Turnbull over a number of years. Gareth has maintained a very consistently high standard of work. He is a good communicator and has good relationships with club members. The club has been reaccredited with a Gold ClubMark so has maintained this high standard for over four years; this is an indication of the work Gareth does in his role.'*
23. Lee Hanvey, Football Development Officer for Mainland Football has a key relationship with the appointed Coastal Spirit Football Development Manager, he states that Gareth has been instrumental in implementing programmes within the club as part of a new Junior Framework that has been piloted this year as a component of New Zealand Football's 'Whole of Football Plan'. He has worked closely with the FDM since early 2011 in his role as a Football Development Officer in the implementation of two programmes in particular; First Kicks (targeting four to six year olds) and the Fun Football (targeting seven to eight year olds).

24. Working with a very tight timeline and after the events of the past year Gareth showed great initiative and resourcefulness to get these programmes up and running for the start of the 2011 season. He was able to quickly up-skill a group of volunteers both in the format of the programmes and the activities which we wanted the kids exposed to. One of the great challenges for all our clubs involved in the pilot has been to organise each event so that kids are constantly involved in the activities with little downtime and that the Game Leaders (coaches) were able to facilitate positive learning environments. Gareth did a first class job in ticking both these boxes and also up-skilling new coordinators to be able to run the programme if and when he was away on other duties. With the successful implementation of the programmes Gareth was also able to develop 'Training days' during the week in addition to the weekend programmes, one of the few pilot clubs who were able to do this.