

13. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUNDING – KEY LOCAL PROJECTS 2011 REPORT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider whether they wish to recommend any Key Local Projects to the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund for 2011/12.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In a public excluded workshop, held on 17 May 2011, the Board considered the issue of Key Local Projects for 2011/12.
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 2010/11, the Board recommended no local projects for consideration as a KLP.
7. Staff have reviewed all applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund 2011/12 to identify if there are any projects that should be considered for recommendation to the Metropolitan Funding Committee as Key Local Projects for 2011/12. (**Attachment 1**)
8. Staff recommend that no projects be recommended from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board as KLPs for 2011/12.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. In 2011/12, the draft annual plan includes \$238,918 for the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board Strengthening Communities Fund.

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

10. 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?

11. 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?

12. 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?

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

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

15. That the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board do not recommend any projects to be considered as Key Local Projects for the 2011-12 Strengthening Communities Fund.

BACKGROUND

16. In October 2007, the Council adopted the Strengthening Communities Fund operational procedures, which included the process for nominating Key Local Organisations (KLOs), subsequently renamed Key Local Projects (KLPs).
17. Each Board may nominate (KLPs) in its area that are put forward to the Metropolitan Funding Committee for consideration for metropolitan funding.
18. The agreed process to determine if a “local” funding application should be processed as a KLP is detailed as bullet point 16 in the report that was adopted by the Council on 4 October, 2007:

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.

19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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”*.
22. Staff have reviewed all applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund 2011/12 to identify if there are any projects that could be considered for recommendation to the Metropolitan Funding Committee as KLPs for 2011/12.
23. Staff recommend that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board do not recommend any projects to be considered as Key Local Projects for the 2011-12 Strengthening Communities Fund.
24. Attached is a list of all applications to the Fendalton/Waimairi Board Strengthening Communities Fund 2011/12 (**Attachment 1**).