

11. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUNDING 2011/12 – BOARD BIDS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Riccarton Wigram Community Board to agree to the projects that will be put forward on behalf of the Board to the Strengthening Communities Fund for 2011/12.
2. The Riccarton Wigram Community Board Strengthening Communities Fund decision meeting is scheduled for the 2 August 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. Attachment 1 to this report is a table that outlines potential projects that the Board may wish to put forward for consideration for the 2011/12 Strengthening Communities Fund (**Attachment 1**). These were discussed by the Board in a workshop earlier in the year. These projects have been agreed as part of Council Units work programmes.
4. As a result of the earthquake, it may be that the Boards priorities for projects have altered. This meeting is the opportunity to update these projects.
5. Also attached is a list of local Board projects that have received funding from the Board in the three previous funding rounds (**Attachment 2**).
6. Subsequent to the Board identifying which projects it would like to put forward as applications, staff will assess each project and include these on the decision matrix along with the other applications received for Strengthening Communities Fund.
7. Due to the shortened timeframe for the funding process as a result of the earthquake, there will not be a Board Seminar prior to the decision meeting in August. Elected members will be provided with the decision matrix three weeks prior to the decision meeting in order to have time to consider the projects and staff recommendations. This will also allow time for elected members to have questions answered.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

8. 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?

9. 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?

10. 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?

11. The funding allocation process carried out by Christchurch community boards is covered in the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board give consideration to the projects detailed in Attachment 1 – Projects to Consider 2011/2012 and approve a list of projects to be submitted as applications to the 2011/12 Strengthening Communities Fund.

BACKGROUND

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

13. The Council adopted the Strengthening Communities Strategy on 12 July 2007. The Strengthening Communities Grants Funding Programme comprises four funding schemes:
 - (a) Strengthening Communities Fund
 - (b) Small Projects Fund
 - (c) Discretionary Response Fund
 - (d) Community Organisations Loan Scheme.

14. The following funding outcomes have been used to evaluate and assess applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund:
 - Support, develop and promote the capacity and sustainability of community recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups
 - Increase participation in and awareness of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups, programmes and local events
 - Increase community engagement in local decision making
 - Enhance community and neighbourhood safety
 - Provide community based programmes which enhance basic life skills
 - Reduce or overcome barriers to participation
 - Foster collaborative responses to areas of identified need.

15. The following funding priorities have been taken into consideration when assessing applications:
 - Older Adults
 - Children and Youth
 - People with Disabilities
 - Ethnic and Culturally Diverse Groups
 - Disadvantaged and/or Socially Excluded
 - Capacity of Community Organisations
 - Civic Engagement.

TIMELINE AND PROCESS

16. Community Boards have delegated authority from the Council to make final decisions on the Strengthening Communities Funding for their respective wards. The Board's decisions will be actioned immediately following the decision meeting.

17. All funding approved is for the period of September to August each year, therefore grants will be paid out in early September 2011.