

8. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – BURNSIDE ACTIVITIES HUB

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Board to consider a proposal to provide funding from their 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund to support the delivery of the Burnside Activity Hub which has been established as a result of the 'split-school' system currently in place at Burnside High School following on from the February 2011 earthquake.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. As a result of the 22 February earthquake, a number of schools in Christchurch received significant damage that has resulted in the schools having to relocate and share space with other schools.
3. Burnside High School is now operating in a 'split' school model, sharing with Avonside Girls High School. Burnside students attend the school in the mornings and Avonside students attend in the afternoons. This situation has created a need for organised activities for Year 9 and 10 students from 1-3pm each afternoon.
4. Council staff have been working closely with local youth workers and community organisations to develop a programme which would meet the needs of these young people. The Community Constable for the Burnside area, Mike Withers, has also expressed his concern about the increase in disorderly behaviour and incidents at Jellie Park in the afternoons due to large numbers of students congregating in the park after school finishes at 1pm. Burnside High School advises that at the end of term one, they had 40 students spending each afternoon in the library due to not having any care arrangements in place. It is expected that this number will increase as other existing informal care arrangements become untenable.
5. The Arise Church, based at the Aurora Centre at Burnside High School has developed a programme and will manage the Burnside Activities Hub. Staffing of the hub will consist of local 24/7 youth workers, Arise Church members and Sport Canterbury. It is envisaged that 10-15 staff would be required to manage 130 students. Following the February 22 earthquake, Arise Church has actively supported families in need, distributing food parcels, clearing silt and providing counselling services.
6. The Burnside Rugby Club have offered their facility located on Burnside Park as a base for the hub. The facility can cater for up to 150 people. In addition to the main clubrooms where the programme would be based, there is a smaller room that could be used for a home work centre. Also located at this venue are two squash courts which could be utilised for dance classes as well as squash. The playing fields surrounding the club rooms would provide space to hold various sports and outdoor activities.
7. For these activity hubs to be attractive to young people it is essential that a variety of interesting activities are available. The proposed programme will include a range of active sports, arts and craft options, home work area, gaming stations, personal development workshops and a chill out space for programme participants. The programme would run from 1-3pm. Students would be required to register for the programme and Burnside High School has offered to manage this process. Students would be transported by bus to the venue.
8. The Ministry of Education has indicated it will provide funding for a series of Activity Hubs for the co-located schools and an application for funding is currently being processed by the Ministry. However, obtaining this funding is a lengthy process and there is a definite need to get the Burnside programme up and running for Term 2.

9. Staff are requesting that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board considers providing bridging funding to enable the programme to commence the second week of the new term. The expectation is that funding would be repaid to Council once Ministry of Education funding becomes available, however as this funding has yet to be confirmed, there is a risk that any funding allocated may not be repaid.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. In 2010/11, the total pool available for allocation for the Fendalton/Waimairi Discretionary Response Fund was \$51,197. The Discretionary Response Fund opens each year on 1 July and closes on 30 June the following year, or when all funds are expended.
11. There is currently \$31,000 remaining in the Board's 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund.
12. The weekly budget for the programme is outlined in the table below. This budget is based on 100 programme participants which equates to \$23 per person per week. To offset operating costs a user fee could be introduced.

Description	Cost
Venue hire	\$500
Programme Leader	\$300
Sports Coordinator	\$225
Bus Coordinator	\$225
Volunteers costs	\$300
Activity costs	\$500
Food	\$250
Total	\$2,300

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

14. There are no legal considerations.

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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. This request for funding aligns with the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy, Youth Strategy, and the Safer Christchurch Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board allocate up to \$15,000 from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund towards the establishment and operating costs of the Burnside Activities Hub until Ministry of Education funding becomes available.

The Board notes that should alternative funding for this programme not be forthcoming, there will be no expectation that the Board will continue funding.