

20. REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2010/11 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND AND YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to consider a number of applications for funding from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund and its 2010/11 Youth Achievement Scheme, from the following organisations and one individual as follows:
 - an application for \$2,000 for the Church Army Canterbury Kids Coach charitable towards the cost of the children's programme resource costs.
 - an application for \$2,000 for the Addington Community House Inc towards the costs of hosting community wellbeing meetings.
 - an application for \$5,000 for the South Christchurch Community Gardens Trust towards administration and staff resource costs.
 - an application for \$500 for the Gapfiller organisation towards post earthquake activities in the ward.
 - an application from Rachel Hamilton for funding of \$500 towards assisting with her competing at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Dublin in April 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Canterbury Kids Coach – Hoon Hay / Rowley Families

2. Louise Weller runs this successful alternative out of school project for Rowley/Hoon Hay families. The programme involves collecting young children on a bus from their own streets between home and school, and engaging them in on board activities. More recently, Louise has taken on another part time worker who supports the parents through a young mothers group and home visits.
3. After the September earthquake, Louise realised that there was a local need to extend the bus programme through the Christmas period. She applied to Ministry of Social Development (MSD) for response assistance funding and was refused. She managed to have this decision reviewed, but was turned down for a second time. Despite this the group met local needs by continuing the programme for 105 local families through the holiday period.
4. Just before the February quake Louise submitted a \$2,000 small grant application to Council for programme resource costs. Staff talked with Louise 14 April 2011, and found that the budget for the Kids Coach programme is in urgent need of replenishment. The group was given an earthquake donation of \$1,000 from the United Kingdom which will be needed for the family support wages component.
5. Registration Delivery Activity Summary:
 - Values Programme on Tuesdays and Thursdays on board our bus, based in two streets for a six month period, for school aged children. 3pm-5pm.
 - Ukulele lessons on board the bus every Wednesday for school aged children. 3pm-5pm.
 - Womens Group every Thursday morning at Rowley Resource Centre, 10am-12 noon.
 - X-Site – after school programme every Friday 3pm-5pm.
 - Family Visiting – Mondays 10am-5pm and whenever needed. The group is on call 24 hours.
 - Involvement with other community groups working in the Rowley suburb.

Addington Community House (Manuka Cottage) – Addington Wellbeing Meetings

6. The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care has recently employed a new Community Development Worker based at Manuka cottage, utilising Strengthening Communities 2010/11 funds. Community Development worker, Cherylan Davies is initiating a stakeholder consultation project for two reasons: firstly because the group's core committee has agreed that the cottage operations need to broaden focus around Addington, and secondly because there is concern for the vulnerable population in the local area given swift and major changes taking place as a result of the February earthquake.
7. The intention is to begin with a workshop of 15 or more local stakeholders that work in part or wholly to improve the wellbeing of the Addington community. This includes a mix of community development groups, service providers, and churches. The objective will be to explore current changes, identify where gaps and opportunities lie, and how these issues may be addressed. Further workshops, meetings, and communications will follow as appropriate, including scope for new players and relocated organisations to become involved.
8. Two result areas are envisaged: direction for Manuka Cottage based community development activities, and new or refreshed collaborations by existing and potentially new participants seeking community wellbeing outcomes.
9. Funding support of \$2,000 is sought towards the record keeping, communications, and venue expenses involved. Facilitation for the first meeting will be provided by the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Development Adviser and the Manager of The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care.

South Christchurch Community Gardens Trust – Administration Support

10. The Trust Manager, Christine Blance, located at the Strickland Street community garden site, had prepared a Discretionary Response Fund application before the 22 February 2011 earthquake. It was a request for \$8,000 to top up operating funds to September 2011.
11. The Trust faces a budget shortfall as a result of less funding available to community groups from funding bodies, while staff hours required to deliver services and programmes has grown.
12. An application to Lotteries for \$20,000 was approved, an application for \$15,000 to J R McKenzie Trust was declined, and an application for \$50,000 to the MSD Canterbury Earthquake Response Fund resulted in a \$5,000 grant. The current Council grant of \$25,000 towards manager wages is the third of a three year commitment.
13. The Trust attracts 2,000 hours of voluntary work from over 50 participants per annum. The local community benefits from access to the organic garden experience, cheap produce, recycling disposals, and regular public social events. People referred from social service agencies and educational institutions benefit from therapeutic activity and learning on site. Recent responses to local needs includes support to social housing gardener residents (McGibbon Place), supporting a social worker on placement and employment of a subsidised maintenance worker undertaking national level horticultural training. An organisation development workshop for the Trust is planned for the near future.
14. After discussions with the manager on 14 April 2011, the requested amount is now reduced to \$5,000, to be used for public relations newsletter and pamphlet production and dissemination, and worker management costs.

Collaboration between Addington Action and Gapfiller

15. The Board has received a request for funding assistance from the organisation Gapfiller to assist with funding of a collaboration between Addington Action and Gapfiller as an urgent matter following the February 22 earthquake.

16. A line-up of local Christchurch bands and activities for the whole family will be provided at a post earthquake gap filler experience. This will include an evening of film and live music at 276 Colombo Street, Beckenham, next to Smiths Mitre 10.

Youth Achievement Fund application

17. The Board has received an urgent request for funding assistance from Rachel Hamilton a 16 year old girl who has qualified for the World Irish Dancing Championships in 2011 to be held Dublin in April 2011 following the 22 February earthquake.
18. This is her eighth year of Irish dancing; she dances with the O'Neill School of Irish Dance. In 2009 Rachel competed at the World championships in America qualifying to dance solo. In the teams section her team won a medal, coming 27th out of 99 teams from throughout the world. This year she is one of seven dancers from her dance school who are competing in the Worlds'.
19. Rachel Hamilton spent the summer holidays fundraising and training for her trip. She raised close to \$2,000 by busking (dancing) in the Square - unfortunately this source of revenue came to an end because of the Buskers Festival and then the earthquake - and at weddings. This amount is still at least \$500 short of her airfares.
20. Rachel is also part of a group which has fundraised holding community events (eg New Year's Day gala day at Spencer Park) and raffles.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

21. There is currently \$35,524 remaining in the Board's 2010/11 Discretionary respond Fund and \$4,450 remaining in the Board's in the 2010/11 Youth Achievement Scheme.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

23. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

24. 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?

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board:

- (a) approve a grant of \$2,000 from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund to The Church Army Canterbury Kids Coach Charitable Trust to be allocated for the children's programme resources.
- (b) approve a grant of \$2,000 from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund to the Addington Community House Inc towards the costs of hosting community wellbeing meetings.

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- (c) approve a grant of \$2,000 from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund to the South Christchurch Community Gardens Trust towards administration and staff resource costs.
- (d) allocate \$500 from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund towards funding of the Gapfiller activities in this ward.
- (e) allocate \$500 from its 2010/11 Youth Achievement Scheme to assist Rachel Hamilton to compete at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Dublin in April 2011.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.