

12. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DIVISION ANGLICAN CARE PROJECT FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. At the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board meeting of 27 September 2011, the Board requested staff to report on options to resolve the reduction of funding to the Addington and Sydenham Family Community Development Workers, Anglican Family and Community Care projects from the Board's Strengthening Communities Funding Allocations. This report addresses the options.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

2. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board spearheaded the establishment of the Sydenham Community Development Project and the Mothers at Home programme and has supplied funding for the key workers since inception. Both initiatives were based on evidential research and feedback from community meetings. In 2007 the Board won a Community Board Best Practice Award for the Mothers At Home Programme.
3. There are currently three key community worker Community Board grants administered by the Family and Community Division of Anglican Care in the Ward:
 - (a) Community Development Worker - based at Manuka Cottage
 - (b) Family and Community Worker – Mothers at Home Addington and Sydenham
 - (c) Family and Community Development Worker – based at Sydenham Community Centre.
4. There is a funding shortfall for two of the above projects: the Family and Community Worker, and the Family and Community Development Worker. Between them, these two projects cover the Sydenham and Addington areas with the Mothers At Home programme. The Family and Community Worker provides group and the bulk of one to one (in home) work with mothers of babies and very young children, while the Family and Community Development Worker provides programme management, and some group work for the programme, along with Sydenham Community Centre based local activities for the wider community.

Funding Shortfall and Options

5. Prior to the current funding year, the two projects received multi-year Board funding for three years of \$36,000 per annum for the Family and Community Development Worker, and \$30,000 per annum for the Community Development Worker.
6. For the current funding year, these projects were each allocated \$20,000 from the Strengthening Communities Fund. Family and Community Division Anglican Care has applied to several other funders with mixed success. While some philanthropic organisations have declined funding, the Division was successful in boosting the amount received from Lotteries compared to previous years. Grants geared to alleviating the impacts of the earthquake disasters are not available to support the ongoing core operational costs of pre-existing community initiatives.

7. Updated key budget figures and progress on funding as at 23 November 2011:

Project	Community Development Worker	Family and Community Development Worker
Total Operating Cost	\$47,200	\$43,000
SCF Grant	\$20,000	\$20,000
Lotteries Grant	\$14,300	\$13,800
Shortfall	\$12,900	\$11,200

8. Total projected operating costs include: wages, travel, phone and IT, administration, employer compliance costs, and training/professional development.
9. The two projects were given priority one status for Strengthening Communities Funding, as per the attached copies of the matrices tabled at the Board's 4 August 2011 allocations workshop. Suitable alternative funding sources have now been investigated or applied to, and there are no further possible sources of additional funding in evidence. Staff recommend that the above shortfalls be funded by the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The current balance remaining in the Spreydon/Heathcote Discretionary Response Fund is \$98,131.

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

11. 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?

12. Yes. Community Board decisions are made under delegated authority from 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?

13. 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?

14. Yes. The recommendations align with the Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board:

- (a) allocate a grant of \$12,900 to the Family and Community Division of Anglican Care from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund towards the costs of the Community Development Worker project; and,
- (b) allocate a grant of \$11,200 to the Family and Community Division of Anglican Care from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund towards the costs of the Family and Community Development Worker project.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.

Given that the Board requested the program, the Sydenham Mothers at Home project and Family and Community Anglican Care have previously had three year funding, the Board must ensure that they are supported financially over the next year.