

10. APPLICATION TO AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD 2011/12 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board to consider an application for funding from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund from the Akaroa Heritage Park Trust for \$3,000 for vegetation control.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 2011/12, the total budget available for allocation in the Akaroa/Wairewa Discretionary Response Fund is \$12,799. Further funding of \$3,793 has been added to this amount as a result of an under spend from the Metropolitan Small Grants Fund, plus \$5,181 from 2010/2011 projects that did not proceed due to the earthquakes, giving a total of \$21,733 to allocate. The Discretionary Response Fund opens each year on 1 July and closes on 30 June the following year, or when all funds are expended.
3. The purpose of the fund is to assist community groups where the project and funding request falls outside other council funding criteria and/or closing dates. This fund is also for emergency funding for unforeseen situations.
4. At the Council meeting of 22 April 2010, Council resolved to change the criteria and delegations around the local Discretionary Response Fund.
5. The change in criteria limited the items that the local Discretionary Response Fund does not cover to only:
 - (a) Legal challenges or Environment Court challenges against the Council, Council Controlled Organisations or Community Boards decisions;
 - (b) Projects or initiatives that change the scope of a Council project; and
 - (c) Projects or initiatives that will lead to ongoing operational costs to the Council.

The Council also made a note that: *"Community Boards can recommend to the Council for consideration grants under (b) and (c)."*
6. Based on this criteria, the application from Akaroa Heritage Park Trust for vegetation control is eligible for funding.
7. Detailed information on the application and staff comments are included in the attached Decision Matrix (**Attachment 1**).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There is currently \$8,584 remaining in the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Refer to the attached Decision Matrix.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board approve a grant of \$3,000 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the Akaroa Heritage Park Trust for vegetation control.