

**11. APPLICATION TO AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUNDING 2012/13 – BOARD BIDS**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is for the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board to agree to the projects that will be put forward on behalf of the Board to the Strengthening Communities Fund for 2012/13.
2. The Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board Strengthening Communities Fund decision meeting is scheduled for the 18 July 2012.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

3. Attached to this report is a table that outlines potential projects that the Board may wish to put forward for consideration for the 2012/13 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 Unit 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. 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.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

6. 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?**

7. 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?**

8. 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?**

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

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

10. Not required

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board give consideration to the projects detailed in Attachment 1 – Projects to Consider 2012/13 and approve a list of projects to be submitted as applications to the 2012/13 Strengthening Communities Fund.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES STRATEGY**

11. 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 Grants Fund
  - (c) Discretionary Response Fund
  - (d) Community Organisations Loan Scheme
  
12. 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
  
13. 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**

14. 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.
  
15. All funding approved is for the period of September to August each year, therefore grants will be paid out in early September 2012.