

13. **APPLICATION TO RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2012/13 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – ST COLUMBA’S ANGLICAN CHURCH AND YALDHURST MODEL SCHOOL**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider two applications for funding from its 2012/13 Discretionary Response Fund from:
 - (a) St Columba's Anglican Church for the Volunteer Recognition project at the requested amount of \$2,000.
 - (b) Yaldhurst Model School for the Senior Readers Help project at the requested amount of \$1,200.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 2012/13, the total budget available for allocation in the Riccarton/Wigram Discretionary Response Fund is \$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.
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.

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 St Columba's for Volunteer Recognition is eligible for funding.
7. Based on this criteria, the application from Yaldhurst Model School for the Senior Readers Help project is ineligible for the following reason:
 - Reading materials is a core curriculum responsibility and should be funded through the Ministry of Education.
8. Detailed information on the applications and staff comments are included in the attached Decision Matrix (**Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2**).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. There is currently \$20,747 unallocated balance in the Riccarton/Wigram 2012/13 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. Refer to the attached Decision Matrix.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board:

- (a) Approve a grant of \$500 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2012/13 Discretionary Response Fund to St Columba's as a contribution towards the cost of the Volunteer Recognition project.
- (b) Declines the application from Yaldhurst Model School for the Senior Readers Help project.