

9. APPLICATION TO THE SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD 2012/13 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND –NORTHGATE COMMUNITY SERVICES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to consider three applications for funding from its 2012/13 Discretionary Response Fund from:
 - (a) Kidsfirst Kindergarten – Northcote who seek \$2,981
 - (b) Family History Society of New Zealand who seek \$2,200
 - (c) Northgate Community Services Trust who seek \$900.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 2012/13, the total pool available for allocation for the Shirley/Papanui Discretionary Response Fund is \$71,035. 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 Board 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 these criteria, the applications from Kidsfirst Kindergarten – Northcote for Outside Play Equipment is eligible for funding, The Family History Society of New Zealand for Family History Expo is eligible for funding and the Northgate Community Services Trust for Accounting Expenses is eligible for funding.
7. Detailed information on the applications and staff comments are included in the attached Decision Matrix (**Attachment 1**).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. At the time this report was prepared there is currently \$67,935 remaining in the Board's 2012/13 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 Shirley/Papanui Community Board:

- (a) Approve a grant of \$1,000 from its 2012/13 Discretionary Response Fund to Kidsfirst Kindergarten – Northcote for Outside Play Equipment.
- (b) Approve a grant of \$1,500 from its 2012/13 Discretionary Response Fund to Family History Society of New Zealand towards The Family History Expo.
- (c) Approve a grant of \$500 from its 2012/13 Discretionary Response Fund to Northgate Community Services Trust for Accounting Expenses.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted for (a) and (b) and discussion be held regarding (c).

Note: This report was laid on the table at the Board's meeting on 5 September 2012 to enable staff to provide additional information on the Northgate Community Services Trust application.

A decision was made at that meeting regarding the Northcote Kidsfirst Kindergarten and the Family History Society of New Zealand.