

1. COMMUNITY EVENT FUNDING REQUEST

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval for a grant from the Board's discretionary funding to be made to the Belfast Community Network for a Waitangi Day celebration on 6 February 2005 .

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Belfast Community Network has organised several small to medium size community events over the last five years, the most recent being the Belfast Art and Food Festival on 6 November 2004. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board has been strongly supportive of these events, being the main financial provider in most cases. Belfast Community Network, in conjunction with the Belfast/Redwood combined churches, Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, and Kotane Mahuta Trust are organising a Waitangi Day celebration for 6 February 2005, for which they are seeking Board funding support.

There are very few, if any, Waitangi Day events planned in the Christchurch urban area, making this initiative somewhat unique. This community event will be promoted in the greater Belfast area only, but will attract a small number of residents from other parts of Christchurch.

Both the event planning, and event content strongly reflect community partnership principles, with several different organisations working together towards a common goal. This practice is in itself intended to model the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Consultation with the local runaka, Ngai Tuahuriri, is underway.

Supporting this community event fits with both LTCCP outcomes, and Shirley/Papanui Community Board objectives.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Belfast Community Network have already raised \$4000 for this event, via a grant from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage (Commemorating Waitangi Day fund). This grant was in fact substantially less than what was expected, hence the Network are looking for other sources of funding. Applications have been made to Te Puni Kokiri and several Pub Charities for the shortfall of \$4,982, in addition to this application to the Community Board. If these other funding applications are successful, Board discretionary funding will not be required.

No funding application was put forward to the Creative Communities fund for this event, due to the planning not starting until well after the Creative Communities funding deadline.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

That, subject to no other funding being secured, a grant of \$2,320 be made to the Belfast Community Network from the Board's 2004/05 SCAP budget for expenses related to the organisation of a Waitangi Day community event on 6 February 2005.