1. ALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDING 2007/08



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the allocation of the Board's Project (and Discretionary) funding for the 2007/08 year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The key milestone for allocation of 2007/08 funding is 18 May 2007; the date by when all Boards need to have made their decisions on the allocation of their project funding. This date (which is later than required in previous years) is based on requirements to meet both internal accounting and Annual Plan processes and timeframes.
- 3. Staff have evaluated all applications and completed a matrix document, to the Board which provides comprehensive information to enable efficient and effective decision making. Staff evaluation is based on standard criteria and then entered into the matrix for comparative purposes with other applications.

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Group	The name of the Unit or the Group responsible for the project or	
	service.	
Project/Service	A brief description of the project or service.	
Amount Requested	The amount of funding requested by the group/unit.	
Board Objectives, Community	Board objectives, community outcomes and Council strategies or	
Outcomes, Council Strategies	policies to which the project/service can be linked.	
Expected Outcome of Project	Whether the project/service will have a positive or negative affect	
	on social, economic, environmental or cultural wellbeing.	
Need Supported By	Any relevant research or other evidence that identifies a need for	
	the project/service.	
Financial Risk	Assessment of the project's/service's viability and sustainability	
	e.g. unlikely to be viable as there are insufficient funds available to	
	complete the project.	
Delivery Risk	This section reports on an assessment of the unit's/group's ability	
	to complete the project or supply the service.	
Funding History	Outlines whether the unit/group has received funding from the	
	Board before or other Council funding; and whether accountability	
	reports are on file.	
Staff Recommendation	Describes the precise decisions that staff are recommending.	
Priority	Staff have determined a priority rating for each request.	
	The following grading criteria has been used by staff:	
	Meet Board objectives/community outcomes – priority to	
	fund: major contribution to social need and development.	
	Meet Board objectives/community outcomes – require a	
	funding contribution.	
	Meet criteria to a lesser degree but more suitable for group to	
	seek funding elsewhere – board funding support not needed	
	or could be funded from another scheme e.g. Metropolitan.	
	Did not meet any of the above mentioned criteria – staff	
	recommend not to fund.	
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- 4. Projects on the matrix have come from community groups and staff. A city-wide, publicly-advertised request for applications was carried out in late 2006/early 2007 for all community boards.
- 5. A seminar meeting was held in April for the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6. The Board has funding available of \$390,000 for 2007/08, that comprises:
 - Up to \$60,000 discretionary funding to be allocated throughout the year at the Board's discretion.
 - Up to \$40,000 for strengthening communities funding (SCAP).
 - A minimum of \$290,000 for allocation to local projects or activities.
- 7. A total of 60 applications for funding have been received. A summary of the staff recommendations and funding implications is as follows:
 - Total Funding available for project/discretionary funding \$390,000.00
 - Total Funding requested from applications received for project funds \$518,983.52
- 8. The Board in previous years has retained approximately \$70,000-100,000 of its project funds, so that the Board's Committees could allocate that funding throughout the financial year. Staff recommend that the Board does not take this course of action, as:
 - (a) There should, in line with Council policy, only be one discretionary pool of up to \$60,000 for allocation throughout the year at the Board's discretion unallocated "committee" funds appear to be defacto discretionary funds.
 - (b) Having large sums of unallocated funding that are left as "committee" funds does not best meet the objective of transparency.
 - (c) In recent years, with retention of project funds for allocation by the Board's committees throughout the year, there have been considerable sums of funding being unallocated until towards the end of the financial year – this has often led to advice being sought from staff and decisions being made by the Board under pressure within short timeframes, which is not in the interests of good decision-making.
 - (d) In recent months, considerable staff time and effort has been concentrated on assessing all of the 2007/08 applications received and providing advice on their priority, so that the Board is able to assess the relative merits of each application against the others received.
- 9. Staff recommendations are as follows:
 - Total recommended for retaining as Discretionary Fund
 \$ 60,000
 - Total recommended for consideration for Project Funding (comprising: Priority One: \$247,252; Priority Two: \$51,200)
- 10. In previous years the sum of money allocated to the Environment Committee Fund has been \$40,000. In the 2007/08 project fund matrix staff are recommending that the board allocate to the capital programme projects that total \$37,000. The other categories in the matrix are: Community Engagement \$20,500, Community Development \$147,052, Community Recreation \$84,900, Democracy Services \$9,000.
- 11. If the staff recommendations are adopted in principle, this would leave a remainder of \$31,548 to be allocated.
- 12. The recommendations contained in the matrix align with the 2006-16 LTCCP budgets (refer to page 103 of the LTCCP, Community Grants funding).

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. The Board's decisions on allocation of its project funding will be confirmed by the Council prior to inclusion in the Annual Plan 2007/08.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. The staff recommendations in the matrix support the Community Grants services on page 103 of the 2006-16 LTCCP.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. The fourth column in the matrix identifies where the funding applications align with Council strategies and policies.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. No external consultation needs to be undertaken, although staff have discussed funding applications with those groups that have submitted the applications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council allocate funding from the Board's 2007/08 project fund for the projects listed in column A of the following schedule:

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

That the Council allocate funding from the Board's 2007/08 project fund for the projects listed in column B of the following schedule:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (A)	BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS (B)
Capital Programmes – City Environment	
Dunbars Road Foot Bridge. Allocates \$10,000 for the construction of a foot bridge across the drainage swale at Dunbars Road.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Kyle Park Bush Project Allocates \$20,000 for the continuation of the Kyle Park Bush project.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Arbor Day Plantings In Local Schools. Allocates \$2,000 for Arbour Day plantings in local schools.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Daffodil Planting . Allocates \$5,000 for daffodil plantings in high profile sites within the Board's area.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Community Engagement	
Neighbourhood Week Grants Scheme Allocates \$5,000 for the Neighbourhood Week Grants Scheme.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Christmas Lights Allocates \$5,000 for Christmas Lights hanging/repairs.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Youth and Community Service Awards Scheme Allocates \$2,500 to the Youth and Community Service Awards Scheme.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Garden Pride Awards Allocates \$5,000 to the Garden Pride Awards.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Residents Groups – Grants to Groups Allocate \$3,000 to a Residents Group Grants to Groups Scheme.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Community Development	
Community Development Scheme Top Up Allocates \$10,000 towards the 2006/07 Community Development Fund.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Youth Development Scheme Allocates \$5,000 to its Youth Development Scheme.	That \$8,000 be allocated to the Youth Development Scheme.

RECOMMENDATIONS (B)
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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (A)	BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS (B)
Canterbury Fiji Social Services Trust	
Allocates \$27,770 to Canterbury Fiji Social Services Trust for multiple projects.	That \$25,000 be allocated to the Canterbury Fiji Social Services Trust for multiple projects.
	To write to Housing New Zealand to express its support of the Canterbury Fiji Social Services Trust's application for rental funding assistance for its premises at Hillary Crescent.
	To request that staff organise a site visit to the Canterbury Fiji Social Services Trust's premises at Hillary Crescent.
Affinity Trust – O.S.C.A.R Programme Declines the application from Affinity Trust for costs associated with delivering an OSCAR Programme at Wharenui Primary School, on the basis that funding is available from the Riccarton Community Development Project's budget.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
St Thomas of Canterbury College –Salary Costs Allocates \$3,888 to St Thomas of Canterbury College for salary costs for the Maori Pasifika Youth Worker position.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Affinity Trust – Salary Costs Declines the application from Affinity Trust for salary costs for the youth worker positions at Wharenui School, on the basis that funding is available from the Riccarton Community Development Project's budget	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Wharenui School – Upgrading of Hall Allocates \$1,000 to Wharenui School for the upgrading of its school hall and kitchen.	To refer the application from Wharenui School, for the upgrading of there school hall to the Board's 2007/08 Discretionary Fund.
Joshua Foundation – Confidence Courses Allocates \$2,000 to the Joshua Foundation Charitable Trust for confidence course and leadership training for young people.	That the application from the Joshua Foundation Charitable Trust for costs associated with running confidence courses, be declined.
Riccarton High School – Maori Carvings Declines the application from Riccarton High School for the purchase of Maori carvings on the basis that this is a capital item and also a Ministry of Education responsibility.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
St Ninians Presbyterian Church – Social Needs	
Survey Declines the application from St Ninians Presbyterian Church Riccarton for a social needs survey on the basis that the Church explores the possibility of securing a research student.	To decline the application and write to St Ninians Presbyterian Church Riccarton to advise that if the Church has a particular project in mind, that they require funding assistance with, then they could apply to the Board's 2007/08 Discretionary or Board Initiatives Fund.
St Teresa's Youth and Young Ministry (Catholic Parish of Riccarton) – Youth Worker Declines the application from St Theresa's Youth and Young Ministry for the salary of its youth worker on the basis that the project would predominantly be of benefit to the church and its members.	To decline the application and request that staff work with St Theresa's Catholic Parish throughout the coming year and if a programme, which services the wider community, is established then the Church could apply for financial assistance from the Board's 2007/08 Discretionary Fund.
	(Note: Tony Sutcliffe abstained from the voting and discussion on this item).

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (A)	BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS (B)
Clarence Street Fijian Methodist Church – Training	
Camp	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Declines the application from the Clarence Street Fijian	
Methodist Church for costs associated with a training	
camp on the basis that the project would predominantly	
be of benefit to the church and its members.	
Recreation and Sports	
Small Events Fund	T
Allocates \$8,000 to a Small Events Fund.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Community Events Fund	
Allocates \$18,500 to the Recreation and Sport's Unit for	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
costs associated with staging two community events.	
Recreation and Sport Fund	
Allocates \$35,000 for the Recreation and Sport Fund.	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Hornby Presbyterian Trust - Hornby Holiday	
Programme	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Allocates \$3,000 to the Hornby Presbyterian Trust for	
the Hornby Holiday Programme.	
Hornby Presbyterian Trust - Sockburn O.S.C.A.R	
Programme	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Allocates \$1,000 to the Hornby Presbyterian Trust for	
funding towards subsidising those families who use the	
Sockburn Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR)	
who do not qualify for WINZ subsidies.	
Rewi Alley Chinese School	
Declines the application from the Rewi Alley Chinese	That \$4,500 be allocated to the Rewi Alley
School for the programme for Chinese older adults on	Chinese School for the programme for Chinese
the basis that the project be considered as an	older adults.
application for a metropolitan wide service.	
Community Development Network Trust – Camps	
Allocates \$5,000 to the Community Development	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Network Trust for teenage youth camps	
Templeton Primary School - Pool Costs	
Allocates \$1,000 to Templeton Primary School for costs	That \$1,118 be allocated to Templeton Primary
associated with pool hire fees.	School for costs associated with pool hire fees.
Riccarton Dance Club	
Allocates \$500 to the Riccarton Dance Club to cover	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
ongoing costs for the period July to December 2007.	
Hornby Anglican Parish- Keyboard	
Allocates \$1,000 to the Hornby Anglican Parish towards	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
the purchase of a keyboard for its community music	
ministries.	
Hornby Domain Bowling Club	
Allocates \$1,200 to the Hornby Domain Bowling Club for	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
costs associated with purchasing a rotary mower.	·
SHARP Trust – Holiday Programme	
Allocates \$1,700 to the SHARP Trust towards costs	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
associated with delivering the Halswell SHARP Holiday	· ·
Programme.	
Christchurch Speedway Association	
Declines the application from the Christchurch	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Speedway Association for funding to increase	The state of the s
accessibility into the premises and refers the application	
to the Metropolitan Funding Scheme.	
Riccarton Scout Group – Jamboree	
	That the staff recommendation be adopted.
Declines the application from the Riccarton Scout Group	That the Stan recommendation be adopted.
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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (A)	BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS (B)
Democracy Services	
Riccarton/Wigram Community Board newsletter. Allocates \$9,000 for the producing of a quarterly Community Board newsletter for distribution to the Riccarton/Wigram community.	That \$4,500 be allocated for two Community Board newsletter.
	That \$40,000 be allocated to a Board Initiatives Fund