

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 funding for the 2007/08 year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The key milestone for allocations of the 2007/08 funding was 18 May 2007; the date by when all Boards were to have made their recommendations on the allocations of their project funding. This date was based on requirements to meet both internal accounting and LTCCP processes and timeframes.
3. Staff evaluated all applications and completed a matrix document, which provided the Board with comprehensive information to enable efficient and effective decision making. Staff evaluation was based on standard criteria and then entered into the matrix for comparative purposes with other applications that contained the following:

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| Group | Name of the unit or group responsible for the project or service. |
| Project/Service Description | A brief description of the project or service. |
| Amount Requested | The amount of funding requested by the group/unit. |
| Board Objectives, Community Outcomes, Council Strategies | Board objectives, community outcomes and Council strategies or policies to which the project/service can be linked. |
| Expected Outcome of Project | What the project is expected to achieve. |
| 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 financial risk. Shown by a high/medium/low rating. |
| Delivery Risk | Assessment of the unit’s/group’s ability to complete the project or supply the service. Shown by a high/medium/low rating. |
| 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. |
| Staff Priority | Staff met to determine a staff priority rating for each request. The following grading criteria has been used by staff: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meets Board objectives/community outcomes - priority to fund, major contribution to social need and development. 2. Meets Board objectives/community outcomes - requires a funding contribution. 3. Meets 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, eg Metropolitan funding. 0. Does not meet any of the above criteria - staff recommend not funding. |

4. Projects received have come from community groups, Board members and staff.
5. A Board seminar was held on 11 April 2007 to give initial consideration to all of the funding applications received, and to seek any further information from staff as required.

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 by resolution of the Board during the year.
 - Up to \$40,000 strengthening communities action plan funding (SCAP).
 - \$290,000 for allocation to local projects or activities.
7. A total of 42 project applications were received. A summary of the staff recommendations and funding implications is as follows:
 - Total funding available for project/discretionary funding \$390,000
 - Total funding requested from applications received \$460,295
8. There is therefore a shortfall even before any funds are set aside for discretionary or SCAP funding. Taking this into account, staff recommendations are as follows:
 - Total recommended for retaining as SCAP funding \$20,000-\$25,000
 - Total recommended for retaining as Discretionary Funding \$50,000
 - Total being recommended for consideration as Project Funding \$317,970
(comprising Priority One: \$288,970; Priority Two: \$29,000)
9. The recommendations contained in the matrix aligned with the 2006-16 LTCCP budgets (refer to page 103 of the LTCCP, Community Grants funding).

SCAP Committee

10. Staff recommended to the Board a reduced allocation of \$20,000 - \$25,000, which the Board supported.

Social Initiatives Fund

11. All grant schemes (including the Social Initiatives Fund) will be "rolled over" for one more year. Changes to the Community Group Grant Scheme will now be implemented in the 2008/09 financial year.
12. The three groups that receive support from the Social Initiatives Fund in the Spreydon/Heathcote ward are:
 - Cross Over Trust \$25,000 (Rowley Youth Worker's salary)
 - Rowley House \$15,000 (Community Development salary)
 - Sydenham Community Development Trust \$25,000 (Community Development salary)
13. This adjustment has therefore reduced initial pressure on the Board's funding. There is now \$50,000 available for the above projects that will receive social initiatives funding in 2007/08 year.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

14. The Board's recommendations on the allocation of its project funding will require confirmation by the Council for inclusion in the Annual Plan 2007/08.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. The fourth column in the matrix identified where the funding applications align with Council strategies and policies. The Community Development Strategy (incorporating the Community Group Grants Review) has not been adopted by the Council.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. 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 Board allocate its 2007/08 project funds as detailed in column A.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

That the Council allocate funding from the Board's 2007/08 project funds in accordance with column B.

| STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (A) | BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS (B) |
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| Capital Programmes – City Environment | |
| Centennial Park Allocate \$16,000 for two permanent volleyball nets for the sand courts at Centennial Park. | Allocate \$8,000 for a volleyball net at Centennial Park. |
| Arbor Day Allocate \$1,500 for plantings in schools. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Community Engagement | |
| Neighbourhood Week Grants Scheme Allocate \$5,000 for the Neighbourhood Week Grants Scheme. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Christmas Lights Allocate \$5,000 for Christmas Lights hanging/repairs. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. Further information was requested on long term planning and possible partnership arrangements with local businesses/groups in order to reduce costs. |
| Youth and Community Service Awards Scheme Allocate \$2,000 to the Youth and Community Service Awards Scheme. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Garden Pride Awards Allocate \$2,000 to the Garden Pride Awards. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| One Heritage week Walk and Talk/One Cemetery Walk Allocate \$220 to a Heritage Walk and Talk and a Cemetery Walk | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Community Development | |
| Cross Over Trust Allocate \$25,000 to the Trust for salary costs for the Rowley Youth Worker positions | That the application be declined, noting that the application will be funded by Social Initiatives Fund which has been "rolled over" one year. |

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| <p>Sydenham Community Development Project Allocate \$25,000 to the Sydenham Community Development Trust for the salary of the Sydenham Community Worker</p> | <p>Allocate \$15,000 to the Sydenham Community Development Trust for the salary of the Sydenham Community Worker.</p> |
| <p>Rowley Resource Centre Inc. Allocate \$15,000 to the Rowley Resource Centre for the salary of the Community Development Worker at Rowley House, including annual operating costs and programme delivery.</p> | <p>That the application be declined, noting that the application will be funded by the Social Initiatives Fund which has been "rolled over" one year.</p> |
| <p>Opawa Community Garden Allocate \$8,500 towards the Opawa Community Garden Manager's salary.</p> | <p>That \$10,000 be allocated to the Opawa Community Garden towards the Opawa Community Garden Manager's salary.</p> |
| <p>Rata Counselling Centre Refer the application for funding support for volunteer/trainee counsellors, and their associated costs to the Council's Metropolitan Grants Scheme for consideration.</p> | <p>That the application from the Rata Counselling Centre for funding support for volunteer/trainee counsellors and their associated costs, be declined.</p> |
| <p>Royal New Zealand Plunket Society Inc. Refer the application from the Royal New Zealand Plunket Society Inc., for funding towards wages for Parenting Education Co-ordinators to the Council's Metropolitan Grants Scheme.</p> | <p>That the application from the Royal New Zealand Plunket Society Inc., for funding towards wages for Parenting Education Co-ordinators, be declined.</p> <p>The Board had raised this as an issue during a recent meeting with local MPs who gave an undertaking to investigate what is happening in other areas of the city where plunket nursing services are provided.</p> |
| <p>SHARP Trust Allocate \$3,000 to the SHARP Trust towards staffing and volunteer costs for the five after school programmes.</p> | <p>That the staff recommendation be adopted.</p> |
| <p>Cashmere Friendship Club Refer the application from the Cashmere Friendship Club for a contribution towards operations costs, be referred to the Community Development Scheme.\$</p> | <p>That the application from the Cashmere Friendship Club be declined, and referred to the Board's Older Adults Fund.</p> |
| <p>Christchurch South Parents Centre Refer the application from the Christchurch South Parents Centre for funding support to deliver two post natal courses to the Community Development Scheme.</p> | <p>That the application from the Christchurch South Parents Centre for funding support to deliver two post natal courses, be declined.</p> |
| <p>Kidsfirst Hargest Crescent Kindergarten Refer the application from the Kidsfirst Hargest Crescent Kindergarten for funding support to reconfigure the entranceway, including fencing and improved access, to external funding sources, such as the Ministry of Education Discretionary Fund.</p> | <p>That the application from the Kidsfirst Hargest Crescent Kindergarten for funding support to reconfigure the entranceway, including fencing and improved access, be declined and that the project be referred to the Transport and Greenspace Unit for consideration as a possible streetscape enhancement.</p> |
| <p>Manuka Cottage – Rowley OSCAR programme Allocate \$10,000 to Manuka Cottage towards the Rowley OSCAR programme.</p> | <p>That the staff recommendation be adopted.</p> |
| <p>Te Ropu Tamariki Refer the application from Te Ropu Tamariki for funding support for the running costs of the Addington Girls Club to the Metropolitan Community Discretionary Fund.</p> | <p>That the application from Te Ropu Tamariki for funding support for the running costs of the Addington Girls Club, be declined.</p> <p>The Board is willing to reconsider the matter of funding support if metropolitan funding assistance is not successful.</p> |

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| Waltham Out of School Programme Allocate \$6,000 to the WOOSH programme for before and after school programmes. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Manuka Cottage (Addington After School Programme) Allocate \$8,000 to Manuka Cottage towards the Addington After School Programme's Co-ordinator's salary. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Addington.net lease expenses. Allocate \$13,000 towards Addington.net lease expenses. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| St Nicholas Youth Trust Allocate \$6,000 to the St Nicholas Youth Trust for funding towards the salary of the Youth Pastor. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Project Esther Allocate \$10,000 towards Project Esther Single Mums Support Service, salary costs. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Spreydon Community Gardens Trust (Strickland Street) Allocate \$20,000 to the Spreydon Community Gardens Trust to support the Manager's salary, the Assistant Co-ordinator's salary and partial operating costs. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Manuka Cottage Allocate \$8,500 to Manuka Cottage for the Community Development Worker, Addington Cottage salary contribution. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Tangata 2 Tagata Limited Allocate \$6,000 to Tangata 2 Tagata Ltd for funding to run the "Navigate" programme. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Spreydon Youth Community Trust Allocate \$15,000 to the Spreydon Youth Community Trust. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |
| Kingdom Resources Ltd Allocate \$14,000 to Kingdom Resources Ltd for funding towards three employment service programmes. | That Kingdom Resources Ltd be allocated \$11,000 for funding towards three employment service programmes. Information was requested on the possibility of metropolitan funding and the option of sponsorship of individuals on future courses. |
| Manuka Cottage Allocate \$25,000 to Manuka Cottage towards the Family and Community Development Worker salary. | That Manuka Cottage be allocated \$30,000 for funding towards the Family and Community Development Worker salary, |
| St Martin's Library Refer the application from the St Martin's Library for funding to purchase books and stock for the community library, to the Council's Major Grants Scheme. | That the application from St Martin's Library for funding to purchase books and stock for the community library, be declined. The Board referred the request to the Council's Libraries and Information Unit. If funding is unavailable from that source, the Board will re-visit the application. |
| Te Whare – Waltham Community Cottage Allocate \$17,000 to the Waltham Community Cottage as a contribution towards cottage workers' salaries, and Playgroup Supervisor. | That Te Whare – Waltham Community Cottage, be allocated \$16,700 as a contribution towards cottage workers' salaries, and Playgroup Supervisor. |
| Professional Development Fund Allocate \$5,000 for the Professional Development Fund. | That the staff recommendation be adopted. |

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| <p>Youth Achievement Scheme Allocate \$3,000 for the Youth Achievement Fund.</p> | <p>That \$7,500 be allocated to the Youth Achievement Scheme.</p> <p>The Board noted that this amount had been allocated for the 06/07 year.</p> |
| <p>Strengthening Communities Action Plan Fund \$25,000</p> | <p>That the staff recommendation be adopted. The role and function of the Committee is to be reviewed by the Board</p> |
| <p>Recreation and Sports</p> | |
| <p>Small Events Fund Allocate \$3,000 to a Small Events Fund.</p> | <p>That the staff recommendation be adopted.</p> |
| <p>Older Adults Fund Allocate \$5,000 for an Older Adults Fund.</p> | <p>That \$7,500 be allocated for an Older Adults Fund.</p> |
| <p>Spreydon/Heathcote Recreation and Sport Fund Allocate \$30,000 for the Recreation and Sport Fund.</p> | <p>That \$25,000 be allocated for the Spreydon/Heathcote Recreation and Sport Fund.</p> <p>A report will be submitted to the Board on the fund and allocation criteria.</p> |
| <p>Events Fund Allocate \$22,000 for the Events Fund.</p> | <p>That \$20,000 be allocated for the Events Fund.</p> |
| <p>Cross Over Trust Allocate \$6,000 to the Cross Over Trust for funding of four Manaakitanga Clubs (girls and boys).</p> | <p>That the staff recommendation be adopted.</p> |
| <p>Caroline Reid Charitable Foundation Allocate \$5,000 to the Caroline Reid Charitable Foundation for funding towards supporting the Recreation Programmes and annual camp for children whose parent(s) suffer from mental illness.</p> | <p>That the staff recommendation be adopted.</p> <p>Information was requested on south Christchurch participants, and how the programmes can become metropolitan funded.</p> |
| <p>Waltham Youth Trust Allocate \$4,000 to the Waltham Youth Trust for funding to support the Xplode Holiday Programme (a low cost holiday programme for families in the Waltham area).</p> | <p>That the staff recommendation be adopted.</p> |
| <p>Waltham Youth Trust Allocate \$4,000 to the Waltham Youth Trust for funding to run three youth camps and one family camp throughout the year.</p> | <p>That the staff recommendation be adopted.</p> <p>An assessment of attendance numbers was requested.</p> |
| <p>SHARP Trust Allocate \$12,250 to the SHARP Trust for funding to assist with staffing and volunteer costs of running five holiday programmes and one kids camp.</p> | <p>That the staff recommendation be adopted.</p> |
| <p>Democracy Services</p> | |
| <p>Communication Initiatives Allocate \$2,000 for communications with the Spreydon/Heathcote community.</p> | <p>That the staff recommendation be adopted.</p> <p>One further Spreydon/Heathcote newsletter is to be issued, and to include details of the proposed IT based communications project to be piloted in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward.</p> |