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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD
21 JULY 2008**

The Board reports that:

PART A – MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. BURWOOD/PEGASUS STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUNDING 2008/09



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to submit for the Council's consideration and approval, the Board's recommendations on the allocation of the Burwood/Pegasus Strengthening Communities Funding for 2008/09.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council adopted the Strengthening Communities Strategy on 12 July 2007. The strategy incorporated the Community Group Grants Review which provided the framework, principles and funding outcomes for the new Strengthening Communities Grants Funding Programme. This programme replaces the project and discretionary funding processes previously used by the community boards.
3. The Strengthening Communities Grants Funding Programme comprises four new funding schemes, which supersede all previous community group grant schemes, sub-schemes and categories. The new schemes are:
 - (a) Strengthening Communities Fund
 - (b) Small Projects Fund
 - (c) Discretionary Response Fund
 - (d) Community Organisations Loan Scheme
4. The new funding schemes enable the Council and its community boards to support and provide leverage opportunities for not-for-profit, community focused groups seeking funding in support of their community endeavours. Details of the outcomes, priorities and criteria of the new scheme are included in the background section of this report.
5. This report deals specifically with the Board's allocations for the Strengthening Communities Fund for Burwood/Pegasus. The total available for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board to allocate in 2008/09 is \$280,000.

THE DECISION MATRIX

6. Detailed information on each applicant's project was presented in a decision matrix. The matrix named the organisation applying for funding and described the individual project(s) applied for, including up to four project goals that would be delivered by the project. Details of the alignment with Council strategies and Board objectives was provided as well as historical background to projects and applicants, where applicable. The matrix also included staff recommendations for funding.

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7. Under the Strengthening Communities Funding Scheme, organisations were asked to make applications for 'project based' costs, in order to show where ratepayers money was being spent and what outcomes were being achieved. As such, organisations may have made more than one application in order to fund separate projects and deliver a range of services.
8. A draft matrix was presented to the Board at a seminar meeting on 18 June 2008, where no decisions were made. This enabled the Board and staff to discuss the projects, clarify any issues and seek further information if necessary.
9. The matrix included 37 applications for funding with a total amount requested of \$477,934 and a total amount recommended by staff of \$280,000. There were no projects declined as not meeting the funding criteria.

Key Local Organisations

10. Each Board was earlier invited to nominate Key Local Organisations (KLOs) in its area for consideration by the Council's Metropolitan Funding Committee for metropolitan funding. Details of any relevant KLO's were therefore not included in the matrix.
11. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board nominated one KLO (Aranui Community Trust) for 2008/09.

Timeline and Process

12. Following the Board's meeting on 21 July 2008, the proposed allocations are to be submitted to the Council for approval in August 2008. All groups will then be informed of the decisions and funding agreements will be negotiated where relevant. All funding approved is for the period September to August each year, therefore grants will be paid out in early September 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. Each city based community board has \$280,000 to allocate in its Strengthening Communities Funding for the 2008/09 year. The Board may approve one, two or three year funding for particular organisations if it wishes. Each city board also has \$85,000 to allocate through the Small Projects Fund process and \$60,000 is available in its Discretionary Response Fund, both of which are dealt with separately to this process and report.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

14. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

15. Yes, Community Board funding decisions are forwarded to the Council for final approval.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

16. Yes. Strengthening Communities Funding and Community Board Funding.

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ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

17. Yes, Page 59 of the LTCCP, Strategic Direction, Strong Communities; and the Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council give consideration to the projects detailed in the table below and approve allocations for Burwood/Pegasus Community Board Strengthening Communities Funding for 2008/09.

BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

The Board held an extraordinary meeting on 21 July 2008 to consider the 37 applications received for local Strengthening Communities Funding for 2008/09.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- (a) Approve the allocations recommended by the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board for its 2008/09 Strengthening Communities Funding, as follows:

No.	Group	Project	Amount Allocated	Board Comment/Notes
1	A-Z Budgeting Services Trust/Canterbury	Contribution towards wages of the social worker/counsellor	\$12,500	Staff amount recommended was \$15,000.
2	Agape Trust	Youth holiday programmes	\$6,000	
3	Agape Trust	Aranui Fun Attack holiday programme	\$9,000	
4	Agape Trust	Towards costs associated with providing out of school programmes	\$8,000	
5	Ambrosia Empowerment Trust	Towards costs associated with the wages of the community support worker	\$10,000	
6	Burwood Community Church Trust	Funding towards the senior youth worker salary	\$4,000	

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7	Burwood Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Inc)	Towards costs associated with the co-ordinators wages	\$6,000	Board committed to fund for three years, being September 2008 to September 2010 inclusive.
8	Burwood OSCAR Group Inc	Operational costs for after school programmes	\$6,000	Board committed to fund for two years, being September 2008 to September 2009 inclusive.
9	Transport and Greenspace Unit, City Environment Group	Horseshoe Lake Reserve – restoration through community planting days	\$6,000	Staff were requested to advise the Board of other similar types of Burwood/Pegasus reserve restoration works including the involvement of local communities.
10	Transport and Greenspace Unit, City Environment Group	Local Arbor Day projects	\$1,500	
11	Community Support Unit, Community Services Group	Delivery of the local events programmes comprising community service awards \$2,500, community pride garden awards \$2,500 and neighbourhood week 2008 \$3,500	\$8,500	
12	Community Support Unit, Community Services Group	Burwood/Pegasus based community-wide networking forums, older adults information expo (or similar), children and youth workers forums/workshop (or similar)	\$2,500	Board committed to fund for the next three years being September 2008 to September 2010 inclusive, with it being noted that the funding is to be administered by the Burwood/Pegasus Community Development Adviser.
13	Crossroads Youth With A Future Trust	Funding associated with administration costs, operating costs and wages	\$7,000	
14	Dallington Community Cottage Trust	Centre rentals	\$8,000	Board committed to fund for the next two years being September 2008 to September 2009 inclusive.

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15	Democracy Services Unit (Shirley), Regulation and Democracy Services Group	Communications with the Burwood/Pegasus community	\$7,500	Members noted that the "how" aspects still required further consideration.
16	Anglican Care Family Division – St Andrews Community House	Community Development Worker salary for St Andrews Community House	\$13,000	Board committed to fund for the next two years being September 2008 to September 2009 inclusive.
17	Festival City Trust	World Buskers Festival 2009 – towards the New Brighton programme/events	\$10,500	
18	New Brighton and Districts Historical Inc	Rent and other operational expenses	\$9,705	Board committed to fund for the next three years being September 2008 to September 2010 inclusive. Staff recommendation was for \$9,000.
19	New Brighton Art Gallery	Rental of the Gallery site	\$12,000	Staff recommendation was \$11,000. (Note: Tina Lomax declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).
20	New Brighton Community Centre and Gardens	Contribution towards wages	\$15,900	Staff recommendation was for \$15,000.
21	New Brighton Project	Contribution towards local projects	\$13,000	
22	Parklands Baptist Community Church	Seeding grant towards the wages of the over 50's worker	\$2,500	
23	Parklands Youth Trust Inc	Operating costs for the Parklands Energizers Youth Programme	\$9,000	
24	Project Early Charitable Trust	Contribution towards case worker salaries	\$10,000	Board committed to fund for the next three years being September 2008 to September 2010 inclusive.

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25	Project Employment and Environmental Enhancement Programme (PEEEP)	Contribution towards wages for community work and training undertaken in Burwood/Pegasus	\$8,895	Staff recommendation was for \$8,000. (Note: Nigel Dixon declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).
26	Recreation and Sports Unit, Community Services Group	Family fishing day event	\$2,500	
27	Recreation and Sports Unit, Community Services Group	Skate Jam Youth event	\$4,000	
28	Recreation and Sports Unit, Community Services Group	Christmas Carols events	\$4,500	
29	Recreation and Sports Unit, Community Services Group	North and South Beach Blast events	\$4,500	
30	Senior Net New Brighton Inc.	Contribution towards operational costs	\$6,500	
31	Te Kupenga o Aranui	Youth/Social Worker wages	\$15,000	Board committed to fund for the next two years being September 2008 to September 2009 inclusive.
32	Te Ora Hou Otautahi Incorporated	Contribution towards operational expense	\$4,000	Staff recommendation was for \$5,000.
33	The Salvation Army	Aranui Community Ministry, contribution towards managers wages	\$5,000	
34	Wainoni/Avonside Community Services Trust	Contribution towards operational expenses	\$10,000	Board committed to fund for the next three years being September 2008 to September 2010 inclusive.
35	Whakaoranga	Wages and volunteer support for holiday and out of school programmes	\$5,000	
36	Youth Alive Trust	Holiday programme operating costs	\$5,000	
37	Youth Alive Trust	Youth worker wages and administrative costs	\$7,000	
Total Recommended			\$280,000	

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BACKGROUND

19. The following funding outcomes have been used to evaluate and assess applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund:
 - Support, develop and promote the capacity and sustainability of community recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups;
 - Increase participation in and awareness of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups, programmes and local events;
 - Increase community engagement in local decision making;
 - Enhance community and neighbourhood safety;
 - Provide community based programmes which enhance basic life skills;
 - Reduce or overcome barriers to participation; and
 - Foster collaborative responses to areas of identified need.

20. The following priorities have been taken into consideration when assessing applications:
 - Older Adults;
 - Children and Youth;
 - People with Disabilities;
 - Ethnic and Culturally Diverse Groups;
 - Disadvantaged and/or Socially Excluded;
 - Capacity of Community Organisations; and
 - Civic Engagement.

21. Each community board's objectives were also taken into consideration when assessing applications.

22. Core criteria for applicants to the Strengthening Communities fund are:
 - Not-for-profit, community-focused groups/organisations;
 - Legal status;
 - Based in the Christchurch City Council area and programmes primarily for city residents;
 - No unresolved previous accountability requirements and no overdue debts to the Council
 - Must provide evidence of the project need;
 - Must have appropriate financial management, accounting, monitoring & reporting practices;
 - Applications must show evidence of authorised approval to seek funding from the Council, and
 - Must have sound governance, operational capacity and capability to deliver.

23. Boards have the option to give one, two or three year funding terms to applicants that demonstrate competency and have a track record in operating and delivering projects according to the above criteria.

24. In making recommendations, and so as to ensure the consistency of recommendations with regard to all applications, staff held inter-unit collaboration meetings. At the meetings, individual applications were discussed and critically assessed. The meetings included staff members from Community Development, Community Engagement, Recreation and Sports, Capital Development and Democracy Services.

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25. All applications appearing on the decision matrix have been assigned a priority rating. The current priorities ratings are as follows:
1. Meets all eligibility and criteria and contributes significantly to Funding Outcomes and Priorities.
 2. Meets all eligibility and criteria and contributes to Funding Outcomes and Priorities.
 3. Meets all eligibility and criteria and has minimum contribution to Funding Outcomes and Priorities.

**DAVID EAST
CHAIRMAN**