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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD
23 JULY 2008**

PART A – MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUNDING 2008/09



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Council for its approval the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board recommendations for its Strengthening Communities Fund 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 process as 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 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. Detail 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 recommended allocations for the Strengthening Communities Fund for Hagley/Ferrymead. The total available for the Hagley/Ferrymead 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 clearly described the individual project applied for, including up to four project goals that will be delivered via the project. Details of 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.
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.

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8. A draft matrix was presented to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board at a seminar meeting, where no decisions were made, on 18 June 2008. This enabled the Board and staff to discuss the projects, clarify any issues and seek further information if necessary.
9. The final matrix provided to the Board included 19 applications for funding with a total amount requested of \$331,923 and a total amount recommended by staff of \$280,000. Two projects were declined due to not meeting the funding criteria.
10. As part of its allocation of unspent Discretionary Funds on 4 June 2008 the Board agreed to allocate funds to three of the applicants. These applications were, therefore, not included in the matrix for consideration.

Key Local Organisations

11. Each Board may nominate Key Local Organisations (KLOs) in its area that are put forward to the Metropolitan Funding Committee for consideration for metropolitan funding. Details of the KLOs are not included in the matrix, unless they are referred back to the Board from the Metropolitan Funding Committee.
12. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board has two nominated KLOs for 2008/09:
 - Shoreline Youth Trust – Fuse Café (\$16,000).
 - Te Whare Roimata Trust – consolidated programme incorporating Older Persons Project, Bromley Community Worker and Administration Worker, Smith Street Community Gardens and Linwood Community Arts Centre (\$133,000).

Timeline and Process

14. Following the Board decisions at its meeting on 23 July 2008, the agreed allocations are now forwarded to Council for final 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 of September to August each year, therefore grants will be paid out in early September 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

15. Each Christchurch city 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 community board also has \$85,000 to allocate through the Small Projects Fund process and \$60,000 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?

16. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

17. Yes. Community Board funding decisions are forwarded to 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?

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

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ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

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

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council give consideration to the projects detailed in the decision matrix and approve allocations for Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Strengthening Communities Funding for 2008/09.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the allocations recommended by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for its 2008/09 Strengthening Communities Funding, as detailed in the table below.

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No.	Group	Project	Amount Allocated	Board Comment/Criteria
1	Community Engagement Team (Linwood)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service Awards • Heritage Awards • Heritage Plaques • Community Pride Garden Awards • Neighbourhood Week 	\$17,300	Funding for Heritage Awards and Heritage Plaques approved subject to further consultation by Service Centre staff with Council Heritage Team on process.
2	Democracy Services Unit – Board Support Team (Linwood)	Community Board Newsletters	\$10,000	
3	Family and Community Division Anglican Care	Contribution to salary and overheads for the Community Development worker based at Linwood Resource Centre	\$28,440	
4	Linwood Community House	Form a parenting support group and parent support programmes	\$6,000	
5	Our Youth Our Community Trust	Contribution to teacher aide salary for social development / education programmes	\$7,000	
6	Our Youth Our Community Trust	Contribution to salaries, volunteer expenses and administration expenses for children and youth programmes	\$8,000	
7	Our Youth Our Community Trust	Community programmes for children, youth and families on limited incomes	\$3,000	
8	Phillipstown Community Centre Charitable Trust	Community Development Worker/Manager salary and centre overheads	\$43,150	<p>Item 8: Yani Johanson moved that the amount be increased to \$45,000. The amendment was seconded by Rod Cameron and on being put to the meeting was declared lost on division No.1 by 2 votes to 4 the voting being as follows:</p> <p>For (2) Yani Johanson, Rod Cameron</p> <p>Against (4): Brenda Lowe-Johnson, David Cox, Tim Carter, Bob Todd</p> <p>The staff recommendation was moved by Bob Todd, and seconded by David Cox and declared carried.</p>

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9	Recreation and Sports Unit (Linwood)	Linwood Youth Festival Experience (LYFE)	\$15,000	
10	Recreation and Sports Unit (Linwood)	Leisure Club for Older Adults – Phillipstown	\$5,000	
11	Recreation and Sports Unit (Linwood)	Hagley/Ferrymead Community Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skate park events • Woolston Live (or Movie in the park) • Older Adults Event • Neighbourhood Christmas Events 	\$11,000	
12	Spreydon Youth Community Trust	Contribution to salaries and associated expenses for four Youth Workers to support youth in Linwood College, and the wider Linwood area	\$28,330	Item 12: Yani Johanson moved an amendment of \$20,000 was moved, this lapsed for want of a seconder.
13	Woolston Development Project	Provide network programmes and resources for children, women and families	\$20,400	
14	Woolston Development Project	For the operation of an after school programme at the Bromley Community Centre	\$10,000	
15	Woolston Development Project	For the operation of an after school programme at Linwood Avenue School	\$10,000	
16	Youth Health Trust	Linwood Youth Worker (under the umbrella of 198 Youth Health this position will provide support for youth in the wider Linwood area)	\$31,630	
17	Youth Initiatives Trust	To provide a youth friendly environment for young people (13-24) to meet through the operation of the 'Diverse Café' being the hub for a number of activities and programmes to foster opportunities for young people. Funding towards wage costs and rent	\$22,000	Funding approved to be paid in two instalments (six monthly) subject to the Trust preparing a strategic plan or development plan to the satisfaction of the Community Development Adviser
18	Community Support Unit – Community Development (Linwood)	Funding for the Redcliffs, Woolston and Heathcote volunteer libraries to contribute to operational expenses	\$3,750	
19	Festival City Trust	Funding towards additional travel and accommodation of buskers, staffing, promotion and marketing costs to stage a series of R18 stand-up comedy shows at Sumner Community Centre during World Buskers Festival 23-31 January 2009	\$0	The Board asked that the Community Recreation Adviser have further discussions with the group to explore other funding options, including the option to bring an application to the Board's Discretionary Fund.

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BACKGROUND

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. Each community board's objectives were also taken into consideration when assessing applications.
24. 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 Christchurch 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.
25. 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.
26. 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, Greenspace and Democracy Services.
27. 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.

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