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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD  
22 JULY 2008**

**PART A – MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION**

**1. RICCARTON/WIGRAM 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 Riccarton/Wigram 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 Riccarton/Wigram. The total available for the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board to allocate in 2008/09 is \$280,000.

**The Decision Matrix**

6. Detailed information on each applicant's project was presented to the Board in a Decision Matrix. The matrix names the organisation applying for funding and clearly describes 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 is provided as well as historical background to projects and applicants where applicable. The matrix also includes 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 Board at a seminar meeting, where no decisions were made, on 4 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 26 applications for funding with a total amount requested of \$381,001 and a total amount recommended by staff of \$280,000. In addition the Board gave consideration to an application from SEEDs for the "Young 1's and Shuffle Bumz" programme that was referred to Council for Metropolitan Funding but was unsuccessful. This project is included in the table below as application number 27.

**Key Local Organisations**

10. 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. (Note: The additional application referred to in clause 9 above was not a KLO.)
11. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board nominated the following KLOs for 2008/09, each for a period of three years.
  - Te Puawaitanga ki Otautahi Trust, Community Facilities Coordinator / Community Hall Subsidy \$51,250
  - Te Puawaitanga ki Otautahi Trust, Maori Community Development Support Worker \$51,800

**Timeline and Process**

12. Following the Board decisions at its meeting on 22 July 2008, the agreed allocations are then 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**

13. Each Christchurch city urban 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?**

14. Yes.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

15. 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?**

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 the applications.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

**BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council approve the allocations recommended by the Board for the 2008/09 Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Strengthening Communities Fund, as detailed in the table below.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>	<b>Board Comment/Criteria</b>
1	34A Youth Trust "The Furnace"	Holiday Programmes (for three one-week programmes).	\$8,177	
2	34A Youth Trust "The Furnace"	Contribution towards 24/7 Youth Worker costs.	\$18,000	
3	Avonhead Community Trust	Contribution towards costs of running the Rock Solid programme.	\$4,709	
4	Avonhead Community Trust	Trust Administration.	0	
5	Avonhead Community Trust	Contribution towards wages and administration for Child & Family Worker.	\$14,000	
6	Community Development Network (CDN) Trust	Contribution towards the Riccarton kids camps.	\$16,819	
7	Community Development Network (CDN) Trust	Administration and operational costs.	0	
8	Community Development Network (CDN) Trust	Contribution towards Hornby Youth Programme.	\$77,752	
9	Community Support Unit	Community Service and Community Pride Garden Awards.	\$8,000	
10	Community Support Unit	Neighbourhood Week – local events.	\$5,000	
11	Democracy Services Unit	Community Board Newsletter – to produce one newsletter.	\$2,500	The Board noted that it would consider funding further newsletters from its Discretionary Response Fund if necessary.

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12	RUSH (Every Nation Church)	Youth Art Expos – contribution towards 3 art expos.	\$2,000	
13	Family and Community Division – Anglican Care	Contribution towards salary for Hei Hei Broomfield Community Development Worker.	\$22,127	That the Board agree to fund this project for a three-year period.
14	Hornby Presbyterian Community Trust	Contribution towards 24/7 Youth Worker costs.	\$14,416	
15	Hornby Presbyterian Community Trust	Contribution towards running OSCAR & holiday programmes.	\$26,500	The Board requested that its Community Services Committee consider a member's suggestion that it advocate to central government for an increase in funding for OSCAR and holiday programmes.
16	Recreation and Sport Unit	Contribution towards Garden Gala and Culture Galore events.	\$18,500	
17	Recreation and Sport Unit	Contribution towards transport for low income residents in Riccarton/Wigram to attend National Children's day.	\$1,000	
18	Capital Development Unit	Hillary/Norgay Memorial – investigation into feasibility of project.	\$5,000	
19	Greenspace Unit	Bulbs Initiative – contribution towards research into need for the bulb planting project.	\$2,500	
20	Salvation Army Hornby	Contribution towards costs for Budgeting Adviser.	\$8,000	
21	Capital Development/ Greenspace	Corfe Reserve project.	0	Board advised that project was not eligible under the funding criteria.
22	Capital Development/ Greenspace	Railway Terrace Reserve – landscape plan.	0	The Board asked staff to suggest that the Templeton Residents Association make an application to its Discretionary Response Fund for this project.
23	Capital Development/ Greenspace	Christmas Lights – repair and maintenance.	0	Board referred this application to the Amenity Maintenance Team for consideration.
24	Greenspace Unit	Kyle Park Planting Project	\$10,000	
25	Capital Development	Seats for Streets	0	Board advised that project was not eligible under the funding criteria.

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26	Community Board	Youth Opportunities Scheme	0	Board advised that project was not eligible under the funding criteria.
27	SEEDs (under the umbrella of the R.U.R (Really Useful Resource) Trust).	"Young 1's and Shuffle Bumz", programme specifically for teenage and young mums.	\$15,000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$280,000</b>	

(Note: The Riccarton/Wigram Community Development Adviser declared a conflict of interest with respect to application number 5 above. The Community Development Adviser has no decision making role, but the conflict was noted by the Board.)

**BACKGROUND**

19. The following funding outcomes have been used to evaluate and assess applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund:

- Support, develop & promote the capacity & sustainability of community recreation, sports, arts, heritage & environment groups;
- Increase participation in & awareness of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage & environment groups, programmes & local events;
- Increase community engagement in local decision making;
- Enhance community & 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 & Youth;
- People with Disabilities;
- Ethnic & 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 & 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 & capability to deliver.

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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, Greenspace and Democracy Services.
25. All applications appearing on the Decision Matrix have been assigned a Priority Rating. The current Priorities Ratings are as follows:
  - (a) Meets all eligibility and criteria and contributes **significantly** to Funding Outcomes and Priorities.
  - (b) Meets all eligibility and criteria and contributes to Funding Outcomes and Priorities.
  - (c) Meets all eligibility and criteria and has **minimum** contribution to Funding Outcomes and Priorities.

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