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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD
22 JULY 2008**

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 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 Spreydon/Heathcote 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 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 applicant 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 the Spreydon/Heathcote ward. The total available for the 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 Spreydon/Heathcote 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.
8. A draft matrix was presented to the Community Board at a seminar meeting, where no decisions were made, on 24 June 2008. This enabled the Board and staff to discuss the projects, clarify any issues and seek further information if necessary.

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9. The final matrix provided to the Board included 25 applications for funding with a total amount requested of \$392,584 and a total amount recommended by staff of \$280,000. One project originally included in the draft matrix was removed due to them being considered capital works and therefore not meeting the funding criteria. Further advice on this project was provided by staff at the meeting. One small project initially submitted was withdrawn due to this being more appropriately funded from an operational budget.

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.
11. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has nominated the following three KLOs for 2008/09, each for a period of 3 years.

Cross Over Trust	\$27,000
Rowley Resource Centre	\$20,000
Spreydon Youth Community Trust	\$27,000

Timeline and Process

12. Following the Board decisions at its meeting on 22 July 2008, the agreed allocations are forwarded to the 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 urban 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 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.

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.

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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 decision matrix and approve allocations for Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Strengthening Communities Funding for 2008/09.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- (a) Approve the allocations recommended by the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board for its 2008/09 Strengthening Communities Funding, as detailed in the table below.
- (b) Note that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board unanimously recommends that:

No.	Group	Project	Amount Allocated	Board Comment/Criteria
1.	Addington After School Programme	Supervisors salary	\$5,366	
2.	Addington.net	Lunchtime for Senior's class	\$13,000	To go towards the lease. Due to lack of funding the salary component of this application be referred to Discretionary Funding.
3.	CA-NZ Canterbury Kids Coach	Salary, operational costs, material and resources	\$6,000	
4.	Community Support Unit	Youth, Hoon Hay Network, Sydenham Addington Waltham (SAW) Network	\$0	
5.	Community Support	Neighbourhood Week, Youth and Community Service Awards, garden Pride Awards	\$10,500	
6.	Family and Community Division Anglican Care	Salary for Family and Community Development Worker	\$36,000	3 year period – towards salary only
7.	Family and Community Division Anglican Care	Salary for Sydenham Community Development Worker	\$30,000	3 year period – towards salary only
8.	Family and Community Division Anglican Care	Community Development Worker at Manuka Cottage	\$25,000	1 year option of \$25,000 and staff to have discussions with Anglican Care
9.	Opawa Community Gardens	Salary for Garden Manager	\$10,000	
10.	Project Esther Trust	Salaries, utility costs, rent and stationery	\$15,000	

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11.	Recreation and Sport Unit	Older Adults	\$2,000	
12.	Recreation and Sport Unit	November Fiesta, Heathcote River Day, Victoria Park Event, International Children's Day	\$14,200	Less \$800 for International Children's Day and consider given in Discretionary Fund.
13.	Rowley OSCAR	OSCAR programme	\$12,134	Staff to revisit the 2002 Hoon Hay Needs Analysis
14.	SHARP	Staff costs – Supervisors and Leaders	\$10,000	
15.	SHARP	Staff costs – After School Care Programme	\$5,000	
16.	Spreydon Community Gardens Trust	Garden Manager's salary	\$25,000	3 year period – tagged for Garden Manager's salary only
17.	Te Whare Roopu o Oterepo/Waltham Community Cottage	Salary costs	\$25,000	\$22,800 for 3 years + \$2,200 for the 1 st year
18.	The St Nicholas Youth Trust	Youth Worker salary	\$6,000	
19.	Waltham Youth Trust	Camps for youth	\$4,000	
20.	Waltham Youth Trust	Wages for Community Youth Worker	\$5,000	
21.	WOOSH	Sponsor for places on Holiday Programmes	\$6,000	
22.	Project Esther Trust	Operational costs, volunteer expenses	\$2,000	
23.	Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board	Art works/murals	\$5,000	
24.	Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board	Engage with residents and stakeholders	\$7,800	To engage with residents and stakeholders of the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward in order to dialogue future needs and aspirations of our communities of interest. A holistic look at where the community is at. Resource development - build capacity in community and to train the trainer development approach. Will engage with 200 people in 10-12 workshops. A further report to the Board on how the project will be developed.
25.	Community Support Unit	Professional Development support for community groups	\$0	
	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 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 and 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, 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:
 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.

The meeting concluded at 6.35pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 1st DAY OF AUGUST 2008

**PHIL CLEARWATER
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