

# LTCCP 2006-16 SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 5 May 2006

**I wish to talk to the main points in my submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006.**

**I am completing this submission:**  
On behalf of a group or organisation

**Number of people you represent:**  
29 + clients

**My submission refers to:**  
Summary Version of the LTCCP

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**I also want to respond to:**

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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<b>Do you have any comments on the major projects in our Draft Community Plan?</b>
	<b>Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services the Council provides?)</b>
	<b>Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make?</b>
	<p>Christchurch Supergrans acknowledges the support given by the Christchurch City Council over the years to Community Groups, particularly in the area of funding. Community Organisations such as ours would flounder without this support.</p> <p>Accessing funds through Trusts is becoming more and more difficult each year, as new groups and organisations become operational in an effort to meet the ever increasing needs of a large proportion of the people/families in our city.</p> <p>Available funds from these Trusts is diminishing, particularly with the Gaming Trusts and with the increasing numbers of Groups applying, is resulting in more applications being declined regardless of how worthwhile the work being carried out.</p> <p>Although Supergrans is a volunteer-driven organisation, funding is required for staff salaries and operational expenses. If there is a continued decrease in funds and funding sources, it will become imperative for Supergrans to re-evaluate their programs and services to maintain financial viability.</p> <p>If client services are decreased then who will care for these clients? Many of the 'In Home Program' clients have mental health issues that require staff and volunteers to be well trained in mental health concerns. If the Council is going to cut social service funds, will they be willing to provide staff/resources for training? The criterion for clients to be accepted by some agencies is changing and the result may be clients without access to community resources.</p>

**Your Submission  
(Cont'd):**

Volunteerism is vital to a healthy community. There is nothing written in the Plan that addresses the need to activate the community to become more involved. If the Plan could address specific areas of concerns and provide a vision for how a community could become more involved through volunteer efforts, thus saving the need for funds for non-profit organisations to access.

To meet the Council's Long Term Vision for a city of inclusive and diverse communities, acknowledgement and support of groups such as ours needs to continue at a level that is commiserate with the needs and demands of our people. When considering actual statistics of vulnerable families supported each year, just by our organisation alone, removal of that service, or part of, because of a lack of financial support, would have a devastating and far reaching impact on the stated vision.