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The purpose of this report is to give the Community Board an overview of Out of School Programme provision in Spreydon Heathcote, and to inform the Board of recommendations made by the Out of School Programme Funding Sub-Committee in relation to funding support of Out of School Programmes in Spreydon Heathcote for the 1999/2000 financial year.

BACKGROUND

The Council is committed to targeted provision and support of holiday and after school programmes across Christchurch. This support is based upon the belief

“that the children of Christchurch have the right to care, recreation and leisure activities in their ‘out of school time’ which are safe, fun, and age and culturally appropriate.

The Council believes that the families and whanau have the right to safe, accessible, affordable, quality out of school care and recreation services within their own communities.” (CCC, Out of School Programme Policy and Report 1999, pg9)

The Spreydon Heathcote Community Board has set aside \$25,000 for Out of School programmes for the 1999/2000 financial year. \$5,000 has already been allocated to the Kidsfun programme operating from Rowley Primary School leaving a balance of \$20,000.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES IN SPREYDON HEATHCOTE

Please refer to the attachments for a summary of Spreydon Heathcote holiday programmes outlining the funding requirements for these programmes from now until June 2000.

There are currently eight holiday programmes running in the Spreydon-Heathcote area, six of which are concentrated in the Spreydon/Somerfield area. One of these programmes in Spreydon is contracted by the Leisure Unit to be run at Christchurch South Intermediate school. Staff now feel this programme is duplicating the efforts of other community groups in the area, and have decided to discontinue this programme (in consultation with parents) after the September/October school holidays.

Whilst there is a situation of duplication in some areas, other areas have had an inconsistent/non-existent supply of holiday programmes. Two such areas are Addington and Hoon Hay/Rowley. Manuka Cottage are keen to trial a holiday programme in the Addington area over Christmas and the April holidays. The funding remaining from the Christchurch South Intermediate programme could be redirected to a Hoon Hay holiday programme (\$3,275 remains in the Leisure Unit budget for Spreydon-Heathcote holiday programmes).

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

Please refer to the attachments for a summary of After School programmes in Spreydon Heathcote and their funding requirements. Proposed budgets are based on successful funding applications and 100% attendance, which cannot be guaranteed, making firm projections difficult.

The initial set up cost for the Rowley Programme has not included any potential revenue as prices for attending have not been set.

FUNDING OPTIONS

The following is a proposed funding option and would ensure that all programmes were able to continue operating at their current levels until June 2000.

Source of funds 1999/2000	Amount	Programme and no. of weeks running for remainder of 1999/2000	Subsidy required
Board Out of School programme project fund	\$20,000 (leaving nil balance)	Manuka Cottage Holiday programme, 4 weeks	\$2,640
Leisure Unit	\$3,275 (leaving nil balance)	SHARP Holiday programme, 3 weeks	\$5,640
Board Community Project and Development Fund	\$5,000 (leaving nil balance)	PAAS Holiday programme, 6 weeks	\$3,000
Board Youth Recreation Project Fund	\$8,465 (leaving balance of \$1,535)	Waltham Cottage Holiday programme, 4 weeks	\$580
		Hoon Hay (Leisure Unit) Pilot holiday programme, 3 weeks	\$6,000
		PAAS After School programme	\$2,880
		Rowley Primary School After School programme	\$16,000
Total	\$36,740	Total	\$36,740

In light of the cost of supporting local programmes, staff with Board support, have prepared a submission advocating for further after school and holiday programme funding through the appropriate Council units in the 2000/2001 Annual Plan process.

BASIS FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Out of School Programme Sub-Committee and staff are committed to this recommendation because of the following:

- (a) Supporting the above programmes achieves **four out of eight** Community Board Objectives:
- 5. To promote Community Safety from Crime**
- 5.1 *Support Community safety projects*, and work in effective partnership with community Police.
- 5.4 Support early intervention programmes in the community.
- 6. To promote a healthy community**
- 6.2 Support local recreation programmes, including out of school programmes.
- 6.4 Identify, liaise with and support community initiatives which seek to enhance the physical and mental well-being of local people of all ages.
- 7. To promote community education.**
- 7.1 Promote community education, in consultation with community groups such as community cottages.
- 8. To promote social cohesion within the Spreydon Heathcote community**
- 8.1 Support neighbourhood strengthening initiatives such as the provision of and participation in community events, and the activities of residents' groups and community cottages.
- 8.4 Identify, liaise with and support individuals and groups who serve and build the community.
- (b) The following outcomes from the Christchurch City Council Community Development and Social Well-Being Policy are also met:
- Equitable access to opportunities, community resources and clean living environments
 - Improving the position of the least advantaged
 - Participation and sense of belonging in communities
 - Respect for cultural diversity
 - Self determination and empowerment
 - Development of local identities and pride.
- (c) Provision of Out of school programmes can be seen as a preventive measure, for example keeping children off the streets and alleviating boredom, which could otherwise lead to at-risk behaviour and crime. (Previous Board research found that education providers believed Council could play a preventative role in this area.)
- (d) All the providers are community based organisations who have identified and responded to locally expressed needs, as opposed to being council provided programmes (except for the trial Hoon Hay programme which will be a partnership between CCC, Bryers and Blair and the Hoon Hay Youth Centre). The net result is empowerment of local communities.
- (e) This is a well researched issue, and there is a clear demand from providers and users in our community and that this recommendation is an accurate representation of the needs of our community.

CONCLUSION

The need for additional funding for the provision of Out of School programmes is clearly demonstrable and reasons why the Board should consider supporting local community programmes have been outlined. The cost of providing a programme varies depending on the size of the programme, its location, and the amount of resources the community group already has. The subsidy required to make the programmes affordable to the community depend on the socio-economic profile of the area in which it exists. Prices would be prohibitive if the local community had to meet the real cost for these programmes.

Recommendation: That the Board allocate the following Board project funds to the Out of School Programmes set out in the table under “Funding Options”.