

## 5. FIE TOKINI HOON HAY GROUP

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request funding support from the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) committee for the Fie Tokini Hoon Hay Group to pay for materials for this group to make Tapas and Weaving.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Fie Tokoni "Coming together and help each other" group was formed last year, under the umbrella of the Tongan Association in Hoon Hay. The Fie Tokini Hoon Hay group aims to promote and preserve traditional cultural activities through the Tapa's making craft.
3. There are currently 14 members of the Fie Tokoni group. They seek funding to assist with purchasing materials and equipment to set up the group.
4. This is the first time the Fie Tokoni Hoon Hay group has requested funding from the Board, however the Tongan Association has received Council funding previously.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. There are no legal considerations.
6. The group currently have \$300 on hand. As a new group and project there are no financial accounts available. The total cost of the project is \$7,340. This includes sourcing materials from Tonga. Other materials will be sourced from New Zealand. Tables, ink and designs are other costs. An amount for a tutor is also included in the budget (\$800). This has been included as the Tapas skills and knowledge are with the older woman and some of this is already being lost. The tutor fee is to pay for someone to assist the group. The majority of funding requested is therefore for materials and set up costs around equipment
7. The Tongan Association is currently undergoing institutional strengthening/ capacity building.

### BACKGROUND ON FIE TOKINI HOON HAY GROUP

8. The Fie Tokoni Hoon Hay group were formed last year. This year the group have been meeting regularly to identify what they want to achieve. The making of Tapas is a key traditional craft of the Tongan community. Through making Tapas language and culture are passed on to others. The population of Tongan people residing in Christchurch is growing. The high number of Tongan people residing in Rowley/Hoon Hay is also high compared to other parts of Christchurch. The project will be based in Rowley.
9. The 14 members are all potential instructors and will bring in more people to the group. There is isolation in this community, particularly amongst older Pacific Island women, and this project will bring old and young together where language, cultural tradition and the craft of making Tapas will be passed on to the younger generation.
10. This project aligns directly to promoting the well being of ethnic communities, and to the LTCCP outcome; "A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities".
11. The Tongan Association which umbrellas the group is based in Rowley in McCarthy Street shops. They have been operating since 1991, and formally registered as an incorporated society in the same year.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Community Action Plan committee allocate \$5,000 from its 2005/06 fund towards the Fie Tokoni Hoon Hay group to purchase materials and equipment for the making of Tapa's.