

6. EVERGREEN CLUB – OLDER ADULTS RECREATION INITIATIVE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board as to the allocation of the Older Adults Recreation Initiatives project funding 2004/2005, and make a recommendation for the allocation of 2004/2005 Discretionary funds towards the “Evergreen Club” project as submitted by Delta Community Support Trust as part of this funding round. Further information detailing the outcomes achieved via this funding will be provided to the Board by December 2005.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Board set aside \$5,000 for Older Adults Recreation Initiatives in 2004/2005 at their Project Funds allocation meeting on 2 February 2004. The Community Recreation Advisor (Shirley/Papanui) has managed this funding, which was allocated according to the following criteria after a review of relevant Council outcomes and policies, Board outcomes and objectives, and local and citywide community needs research:
3. In order to be eligible projects needed to be:
 - Targeted at adults aged 55 years and over
 - Targeted at residents within the Shirley/Papanui ward areas
 - Open to the wider community
4. Eligible applications were then assessed according to the following criteria:
 - Projects which address issues of social isolation for older adults
 - Projects which enhance the range of arts, cultural and recreation activities for older adults, especially during the daytime
 - Projects which enhance the distribution of information on local activities for older adults
5. A wide range of community organisations were informed of the availability of this funding via letter on 9 March 2005, and invited to submit applications by 8 April 2005. Board members were informed of this process at the same time via memo.
6. A total of 18 applications were received, 1 of which was not applicable and was immediately referred to a more appropriate funding stream. Of the remaining 17 applications, 13 were allocated funding in amounts varying from \$100 to \$1000. 3 applications were declined due to their projects not being totally focussed on residents of Shirley/Papanui. The remaining application (from Delta Community Support Trust) is being referred to Board Discretionary funding due to the strength of the application, and the amount being sought (more information in point 4 below). A complete summary of applications is **attached**.
7. The funding application made by Delta Community Support Trust was the strongest application received, due to the range of activities which are planned to be provided, and the holistic nature of the programme (“The Evergreen Club”). This application also requested the highest amount of funding (\$5,000), and would therefore have utilised the entire pool of Older Adults Recreation Initiatives funds if supported from this fund. Hence “The Evergreen Club” project is being referred to the Board’s 2004/2005 Discretionary funds. It is recommended that this allocation is made subject to the success of other funding applications, as Delta Community Support Trust have indicated that a number of other funding applications have been made. A full project description is **attached**.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. The Board have set aside \$5000 Project Funds from the current 2004/2005 financial year for Older Adults Recreation Initiatives. This report advises the Board as to how these funds have been allocated.

6. In addition to the funds above, the Board has just over \$5,000 remaining in their 2004/2005 Discretionary funds. This report recommends that \$5,000 from the 2004/2005 Board Discretionary funds be allocated to "The Evergreen Club" project as detailed in the funding application received from Delta Community Support Trust.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board:

- (a) Allocate \$5,000 from it's 2004/2005 Discretionary Funds to the Delta Community Support Trust for "The Evergreen Club" project, subject to the success of other funding applications currently being made by the Delta Community Support Trust for this project.

THE PREFERRED OPTION

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Greater support for projects which seek to address social isolation for older adults. Increased range of recreation activities for older adults.	
Cultural	Cultural initiatives supported and strengthened	
Environmental		
Economic		

E tent to which community outcomes are achieved:

Primary alignment with community outcome a Cultural and Fun City
Also contributes to a City of Healthy and Active People and a City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities

Impact on Council’s capacity and responsibilities:

n/a

Effects on Maori:

n/a

Consistency with existing Council policies:

Older Persons Policy, Recreation and Sport Strategy, Community Policy

Shirley/Papanui Community Board objectives: Encourage participation of children, youth, aged, Maori, other ethnic groups, people with disabilities, by promoting and supporting community based recreation and education and support programmes.

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:

n/a

Other relevant matters:

CHAIRPERSON’S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.