

**4. CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST MISSION'S WISE-UP PROGRAMME AT WEST SPREYDON SCHOOL – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information relating to an application for SCAP funding by the Christchurch Methodist Mission's Child and Family Service (Child Wise) to run Wise-up children's after school programme at West Spreydon School. The amount requested for the programme totals \$3,200.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Child Wise is the Christchurch Methodist Mission's community social work service. They offer a range of integrated services for families and children from 0-13 years. These services include Home Link (home-based social service programme), Child Counselling (individual counselling for children aged 3-13 years), Parent Works (home-based programme for parents whose children are in statutory care), Parent Wise (8 week parenting programme), Aratupa the Child Wise pre-school and nursery for children aged 0-6 years, and Wise-up, an 8 week course for children aged 5-12 years.
3. This is the first occasion that Child Wise of the Christchurch Methodist Mission has approached the SCAP Committee for assistance. Funding of \$3,200 has been requested to subsidise the costs of running four Wise-up programmes over the four school terms at West Spreydon School. Wise-up is a life skills programme which is targeted to children "at risk".

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The total cost of running the four programmes is \$8,552 which equates to \$2,138 per programme. The funding requested is \$3,200. The purpose of the funding is to reduce the attendance cost. The applicant group is seeking \$800 per programme which equates to 37% of the total cost. Cost per attendee per session will be \$5.00. This also equates to approximately \$800 per programme. The shortfall will be picked up by Child Wise. No other funding sources are being sought for this programme at West Spreydon School.
5. Audited accounts for period ending June 30 2004 have been provided. Child Wise operating budget for 2005/06 has also been provided showing operating losses for the 2005/06 period.
6. The following table identifies Council funding received over the past two years. Please note that while the Methodist Mission does receive metropolitan funding from the Council for its operational costs, this specific Child Wise project operates and serves the community within the Spreydon Heathcote area.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
2005	\$20,000	Major grant towards operating costs (metro funding)
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2004	\$ 2,000	Wise-up running costs

**BACKGROUND**

7. The Methodist Mission has been operating since 1974. Child Wise, the community social work services arm, has been operating since 2000. The aim of Child Wise is to strengthen and enhance the well-being of children, families and communities. They offer a range of integrated services as above for families with children aged from 0-13 years. The Wise-up programme has also been operating since 2000.

8. Wise-up is an 8 week course for children aged 5-12 years, teaching skills for every day life. The programme aims to teach children to maintain self care, self confidence, self respect and self control. Wise-up targets children 'at risk' and teaches the children healthy ways of dealing with difficult situations and issues. Children are referred to the programme. The Wise-up programme also has a mentoring component, children showing leadership skills within the programme are trained and developed as young leaders and can become mentors on the programmes.
9. This application links with the following LTCCP outcomes:
  - A Safe City- the programme covers safety such as basic self defence, safety plans.
  - Inclusive Communities - Wise-up promotes acceptance and inclusion.
  - Healthy and Active People – there are many activities in the programme.
10. West Spreydon School has a roll of approximately 250 children. Other agencies and organisations that provide some assistance to the School are Cross Over Trust and SHARP.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the SCAP Committee agrees to allocate \$2,000 from its 2005/06 Fund to Child Wise of the Methodist Mission, to run four Wise-up programmes at West Spreydon School.