

9. APPLICATION TO SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – WALTHAM YOUTH TRUST

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding from the Waltham Youth Trust, from the 2009/2010 Spreydon Heathcote Community Board Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding of \$1,500 is being sought by the Waltham Youth Trust towards costs to deliver a programme called "Shiloh" for 10-12 year old girls from Waltham Primary School.
3. Shiloh is an after school programme for 10-12 year old girls attending Waltham School and is held on Thursday afternoons at the Opawa Baptist Church Friendship Centre.

BACKGROUND

4. The Waltham Youth Trust was established by members of the Opawa Baptist Church in 2000 to meet the needs of "at risk" youth in the high needs community of Waltham. For the past nine years the Trust has employed youth workers and had many volunteers assist running programmes for youth including after school programmes, holiday programmes, one on one mentoring and camps for youth.
5. In 2009 the Waltham Youth Trusts community worker married and moved overseas. The then trustees made a decision not to fill the position and the Trusts programmes lapsed. In mid June 2009 the Trust was returned to the overall umbrella of the Opawa Baptist Church, new trustees were appointed and the Trust is refocusing its objectives towards both youth and families.
6. On 17 June 2009, a meeting of the trustees was convened, at which four new trustees were appointed, the three previous trustees resigned, and a change of name from Waltham Youth Trust to Waltham Youth and Families Trust was agreed to reflect the new focus of the Trusts work. The Waltham Youth Trust is progressing towards redefining their purposes and goals in consultation with the community and setting a new mission and vision. The Waltham Youth Trust is planning to go through the formal process of changing its name to the Waltham Youth and Families Trust over the coming months.
7. Due to the Trusts programmes lapsing during January 2009 to June 2009 the Waltham Youth Trust did not apply for funding for programmes over this period.
8. The Shiloh programme originally was started in 2008 but lapsed. In July 2009 the trust resumed the Shiloh programme for girls 10-12 years old. This after-school programme has proved successful with 15-18 girls attending weekly.
9. Participants contribute \$2 towards programme costs where possible.
10. While there is an OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) programme called WOOSH (Waltham Out Of School Holiday Programme) running from Waltham School the Shiloh programme caters for a different group of young girls who would not otherwise attend an OSCAR programme.
11. Shiloh's Goals and Objectives are:
 - a) To have fun in a safe caring environment;
 - b) To teach and reinforce life skills and values and encourage wise choices;
 - c) To build friendships and mentor on a one to one basis;
 - d) To establish contact with the girl's parents/ caregivers and start building relationships with them;
 - e) To be a place where girls know it is safe to talk about problems if they choose.

12. Shiloh is planned to run for the year during the school terms, approximately 40 weeks. It is delivered by a volunteer facilitator plus two or three volunteer assistants. Sessions last for 1.5 hours.
13. The Shiloh programme has the support of the Waltham Primary School Principal and Te Whare Roopu O Oterepo Waltham Community Cottage Co-ordinator and Community Development Facilitator.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. The current balance of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board discretionary fund is \$39,035.
15. Due to the changes Waltham Youth Trust was not in a position to apply for funding for the 2009/2010 funding round.
16. The Waltham Youth Trust has received the following funding in the past and has been accountable for the funds received as follows:

Year	Amount	Purpose	Funding Scheme
2008/2009	\$4,000	Waltham Youth Camps (approximately \$1,800 to be returned due to not holding all camps over lapsed period)	Spreydon Heathcote Strengthening Communities Fund
2008/2009	\$5,000	Salary for Community Youth Worker	Spreydon Heathcote Strengthening Communities Fund
2007/2008	\$920	Get Real Life Skills Programme	Community Development Scheme
2007/2008	\$1,200	Equipment for Recreation Programmes	Physical Sport and Recreation Fund
2007/2008	\$4,000	Life Skills Camps	Spreydon Heathcote Community Board Project Funding
2007/2008	\$4,000	X-plode Holiday Programme	Spreydon Heathcote Community Board Project Funding
2007/2008	\$720	Family Day Out	Recreation and Sport Operational Youth Funding

17. The following table outlines the budget for the Shiloh Programme until 30 June 2010:

Income	Total cost	Amount requested from Community Board	
User fees	\$700		
Other fundraising	\$1,500		
Total Income			\$2,200
Expenditure			
Life skills activities and programme	\$1,500	\$1,000	
Professional Development and Training	\$650	\$350	
Food and drink	\$630		
Administration	\$220	\$150	
Transport for local trips	\$70		
Volunteer recognition	\$630		
Total expenditure			\$3,700
Amount requested from Community Board		\$1,500	

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

18. Yes aligns with Democracy and Governance section. Pages 154-159.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

19. There are no legal issues to be considered.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

20. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

21. Yes aligns with Community Support and Recreation and Leisure sections in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

22. Yes supports advice provided to community organisations to help build capacity in the community.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

23. Application aligns with the Children's Strategy, Children's Policy and Strengthening Communities Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

24. Yes. As in 24 above. In particular the Strengthening Communities Strategy:
- Helping build and sustain a sense of local community. Support capacity building of local community organisations.
 - Increase participation in community recreation and sport programmes and events. Provide advice and resources to internal and external stakeholders.
 - Improving basic life skills so that residents can participate fully in society. Provide support and advice to community groups with a proven focus on life skills programmes and early intervention initiatives.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

25. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board allocate \$1,500 from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Discretionary Response Fund to the Waltham Youth Trust for the Shiloh Programme, to go towards life skills and activities costs, professional development and training, and administration costs, for programmes held until 30 June 2009.

CHAIRPERSONS' RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.