

18. SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND FOR BANKS PENINSULA

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To allocate within the Banks Peninsula area the funds from 2010/11 SPARC Rural Travel Fund

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. SPARC Rural Travel Funds are provided to encourage participation in sport by young people living in rural communities. It is open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams in areas that have less than ten people per square kilometre. The fund is for young people aged between 5-19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions. The fund is not available for travelling to regional or national events. A school club team is defined as one participating in regular local sport competitions in weekends, excluding inter-school and intra-school competitions during school time. A sports club is defined as participating in organised, regular sport competition through membership outside school time. (Refer to extracts from the Rural Travel Fund Guidelines 2010/2011 – **Attachment 3**). 'Local' for Peninsula young people means travelling to other sub-unions such as Ellesmere, Waihora, Lincoln and further afield to participate in regular competitions.
3. For the 2010/11 funding round SPARC have allocated \$9,500.00 (excluding GST) for the Banks Peninsula area. Lyttelton and Governors Bay, which have more than ten people per square kilometre are not included. There is an extra amount of \$973.00 carried over from last year due to an unspent grant returned from the Mt Herbert Under 20 Trust.
4. Five percent of these funds may be allocated to advertising. In October 2010 two advertisements were placed in the local newspapers - one in the Akaroa Mail and one in the Bay Harbour News. The total cost of advertising was \$177.40. All past applicants have been mailed the funding application guidelines and prominent leaders in the community have promoted the opportunity to sporting associations.
5. The closing date of grant applications was 5 November 2010. This was one week later than last year to allow for any interruptions as a consequence of the earthquake.
6. Last year four organisations received funds (refer Summary report – **Attachment 2**). This year four applications have also been received. One each from Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club, Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club, Akaroa School and the Tai Tapu Netball Club. The Tai Tapu Netball Club have applied only for the 25 girls who reside in Banks Peninsula.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The total amount available to distribute is \$10,285.60. The total amount of funds requested is \$10,168.00.

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

8. Yes, the funding has been provided to Christchurch City Council from SPARC and is aligned to The Council's community grants scheme on page 187: "*community grants made on behalf of other organisations.*"

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. There are no legal considerations

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. This funding assists the Council to meet the community outcomes under Recreation on page 56 of the 2009-2019 LTCCP: - *“More people participate in physical and sporting activities.”*

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

11. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. The applications align with the Physical Recreation & Sport Strategy 2002, objective 4.1: *“Sports clubs and associations are meeting the needs of the public”.*

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board approves the staff recommendations contained in the attached SPARC Rural Travel Fund Application Matrix 2010/11, **(Attachment 1)** and that the remaining balance of \$117.60 be held over for the 2011/12 funding round.