

8. SPREYDON YOUTH COMMUNITY TRUST – CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH INTERMEDIATE 24-7

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding from the Spreydon Youth Community Trust to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board.
2. The request is for \$10,000 towards the cost of delivering 24-7 YouthWork with Christchurch South Intermediate School in 2010.
3. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board presently has \$35,151 available in its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. The Spreydon Youth Community Trust (SYC) has operated in the South Christchurch area under the umbrella of the Spreydon Baptist Church for over ten years. The Trust develops and supports teams of youth leaders to provide a suite of participative activities for young people aimed at strengthening their capacity to enter adult life with confidence and positive choices. One of these activities is the 24-7 YouthWork (24-7YW) initiative whereby youth leaders commit to working between three and five years alongside youth in schools as friendly role models and mentors. In the Spreydon/Heathcote area Cashmere High School, Hillmorton High School, and most recently Christchurch South Intermediate School partner with the Trust in this work.
5. The 24-7YW initiative has proven successful not only within Spreydon/Heathcote, but also in other schools in the Christchurch area, and beyond. The programme is supported by the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF) to work with Cashmere and Hillmorton High Schools over three years. This grant request seeks Discretionary Response Fund support to run the 24-7YW programme with Christchurch South Intermediate School for a second year in 2010. In 2008/09 the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board approved \$14,000 discretionary funding in support of the initiative at the Intermediate School. Due to a planning oversight, the Trust did not apply to the 2009/10 SCF for this project, and finds that similar to last year, alternative sponsorship opportunities have shrunk in comparison to more buoyant economic times. The Trust seeks discretionary funding to support the project until the end of August 2010.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

6. In the first year of operation at Christchurch South Intermediate in 2009, two youth workers have built rapport and engagement with increasing numbers of students during non curricula activity times of the school. They have built a profile and credibility with staff members, and in response to a lack of group meeting space, secured a caravan to be based at the school during term times and available for youth community weekend and holiday activities. Feedback from the school shows that 24-7YW is making a significant difference with vulnerable and at risk pupils, of which there are up to 20 at any one time; usually facing very problematic home situations. The effect of the 24-7YW intervention is that these pupils are able to improve their attendance and receptivity to learning. The wider value noted by the school is that the youth workers strengthen the quality of class school trips and events; they are regarded as trusted and guaranteed constructive assistance to both pupils and staff.
7. Unlike the high school level programme which seeks to prepare teenagers for healthy and productive adulthood, at the intermediate level the intention has been to prepare pre-teen students for high school life and the challenges ahead as teenagers. It is expected by the Trust and school community that these intermediate level students will experience a seamless transition to high school as their 24-7YW support will be continued by youth workers at (predominantly) Cashmere and Hillmorton campuses.

8. While it is too early to determine the effects of the programme on student transition to high school, the 2009 24-7YW term reports to the school indicate needs are being met by the uptake of activity and engagement by students. The Youth Workers delivered slightly more than their reimbursed 10 hours per week, in the last two terms reporting the following total meaningful contact statistics: 382 hours; 708 one to one contacts; 695 group contacts; and 286 event attendances. The one to one contacts represent each youth worker working intensively alongside up to five young people per week in a mentoring buddy style, plus a range of more casual one to one supports to other individuals. Generally some 20 group activities are supported per week within and beyond the classroom setting at the school. The events that the youth worker adds value to and encourages participation in ranges across sports, camps, and social recreation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The SYC has received the following Council funding in support of its operations in the Spreydon/ Heathcote area over the past two financial years:

2008/09	Metro SCF Key Local Organisations Fund	\$27,000	Cashmere, Hillmorton 24-7
	Small Grant Fund	\$3,000	Activity costs 3 youth groups
	Discretionary Response Fund	\$14,000	South Intermediate 24-7
2009/10	Metro SCF KLO Fund	\$27,000	Cashmere Hillmorton 24-7

In addition to these funds, the Trust has managed three year Metro funds of \$80,000 per annum for the capacity building of the Christchurch wide 24-7YW Network.

10. At the time of application a statement of the financial position of the Trust has not yet been prepared for their 2009 calendar and financial year. Annual expenditure by the Trust in 2008 was \$559,403 from a total income of \$593,377. As at October 2009 the total of funds on hand was \$340,187 all of which was committed for existing operations. The most recent audit report was completed on 3 March 2009 and although qualified, expressed confidence that the financial position of the organisation was fairly reflected in its statements.
11. The SYC generally aims to resource its programme budget from 25 per cent trust funds, 25 per cent school partner investment, and 50 per cent from other sources. Total cost of the South Christchurch programme that delivers to Cashmere High School, Hillmorton High School, and now South Intermediate, is \$102,636. The South Intermediate programme requires salaries and overhead costs for two youth workers out of a total of ten operating in the area, which represents 20 per cent of anticipated delivery expenditure. South Christchurch budget projections indicate a shortfall of \$10,000 as below:

Income	
User fees (schools) / registrations	\$30,500
Cogs grant	\$3,000
Lottery grant	\$17,000
CCC (Metro – KLO)	\$27,000
Other funds/fund raising	<u>\$15,136</u>
	\$92,636
Expenditure	
Youth worker salaries (10)	\$68,240
Supervision & development	\$9,331
Administration / tools etc	\$18,065
Youth worker training	<u>\$7,000</u>
	\$102,636

The Trust seeks discretionary funding of \$9,000 towards youth worker salaries and \$1,000 towards training to a total of \$10,000 to assist expenditure costs to the end of August 2010.

12. Applications for funding of \$14,000 to each of the Lion Foundation and Air Rescue were unsuccessful. South Intermediate contributed \$7,000 to their programme last year and plan for a similar investment this year.
13. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board presently has \$35,151 available in its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

14. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

15. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

16. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans, page 172 and 176.

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

17. Yes, Strengthening Communities. (p. 172 2009-19 LTCCP).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

18. This application meets the following Council Community Grants Funding Outcomes:
 - Support, develop and promote the capacity and sustainability of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups.
 - Increase participation in and awareness of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups, programmes and local events.
 - Provide community based programmes which enhance basic life skills.
 - Reduce and overcome barriers to participation.
 - Foster collaborative responses to areas of identified need.
19. It also helps to meet the following Community Board objectives:
 - Improve social well-being in Spreydon Heathcote
 - Empower communities and community groups to deliver services that contribute towards the achievement of the Community Outcomes
 - Increased participation of Spreydon Heathcote residents in local and city wide recreation events and programmes
 - The development and maintenance of safe and strong local communities

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies

20. Yes, Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

21. None required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$10,000 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Spreydon Youth Community Trust to deliver 24-7YW support activities with Christchurch South Intermediate School pupils up to 31 August 2010.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.