

3. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUNDING 2010/11 ALLOCATIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to allocate the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Fund for 2010/11.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This report provides information to Community Board Members on the applications received for the Strengthening Communities Fund and includes updated information following Board discussions at the Spreydon/Heathcote Board Funding Workshop on 11 June 2010.
3. The total pool available for allocation in 2010/11, as outlined in the LTCCP, is \$238,918, a reduction of \$24,730 from the 2009/10 year. Pre-existing commitments total \$113,800, leaving \$125,118 to be allocated. Applications totalling \$435,909 were received. One applicant withdrew, reducing the applications total to \$365,909. Current staff recommendations total \$116,800.
4. Attached (refer **Attachment 1**) is a decision matrix, which outlines the projects that funding is being sought for. Following staff collaboration meetings, staff have ranked all projects as either Priority 1, 2, 3 or 4 and have made recommendations as to funding.
5. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Funding Workshop on 11 June 2010 gave Community Board members the opportunity to go through the applications received in order to clarify any issues or questions about applications.
6. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has put forward no new projects as Key Local Projects in 2010/11. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board already has three existing KLP's (Key Local Projects). These are funded from the Metropolitan funding pool. These projects are not included on the attached matrix as they appear on the Metropolitan matrix.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

7. Yes, see LTCCP pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes including Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

8. Yes. Community Board funding decisions are made under delegated authority from the Council.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

9. Yes Strengthening Communities Funding and Community Board Funding, see LTCCP pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes, including Board funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

10. The funding allocation process carried out by Christchurch community boards is covered in the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

11. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board give consideration to the projects detailed in the attached decision matrix and approve allocations from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Strengthening Communities Funding for 2010/11.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND

Strengthening Communities Strategy

12. The Council adopted the Strengthening Communities Strategy on 12 July 2007. The Strengthening Communities Grants Funding Programme comprises four funding schemes:
 - (a) Strengthening Communities Fund
 - (b) Small Grants Fund
 - (c) Discretionary Response Fund
 - (d) Community Organisations Loan Scheme
13. For detailed information on the Strengthening Communities Strategy's Outcomes and Priorities refer **Attachment 2**. The specific criteria for the Strengthening Communities Fund is also attached, as **Attachment 3**.

The Decision Matrix

14. Information on the projects is presented in a Decision Matrix, attached as **Attachment 1**. To ensure consistency, the same Decision Matrix format and presentation has been provided to the Metropolitan Funding Committee and all Community Boards.
15. Applications are project-based; information is provided that relates specifically to the project for which funding is being sought, not the wider organisation.
16. All applications appearing on the Decision Matrix have been assigned a Priority Rating. The Priority Ratings are:

Priority 1	Meets all eligibility criteria and contributes significantly to Funding Outcomes and Priorities. Highly recommended for funding.
Priority 2	Meets all eligibility criteria and contributes to Funding Outcomes and Priorities. Recommended for funding.
Priority 3	Meets all eligibility criteria and contributes to Funding Outcomes and Priorities but to a lesser extent than Priority 2 applications. Not recommended for funding.
Priority 4	Meets all eligibility criteria and has minimum contribution to Funding Outcomes and Priorities; or Insufficient information provided by applicant (in application and after request from Advisor); or other funding sources more appropriate. Not recommended for funding.

17. Staff have used the following criteria to determine whether an application is a Priority One:
- Impact the project has on the city
 - Reach of the project
 - Depth of the project
 - Value for Money
 - Best Practice
 - Innovation
 - Strong alignment to Council Outcomes and Priorities
 - Noteworthy leverage or partnership/match funding from other organisations or government departments.
18. A draft matrix was presented to the Board at a workshop on 11 June 2010, no decisions were made at the workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to enable the Board and staff to discuss the projects, clarify any issues and seek further information, if necessary.

Key Local Projects

19. Each Board may nominate Key Local Projects (KLP's) in its area that are put forward to the Metropolitan Funding Committee for consideration for metropolitan funding.
20. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has put forward no new projects as Key Local Projects in 2010/11.
21. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board already has three existing KLP's. These are funded from the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund. These are:

Name of Group and Project	Amount Funded
Cross Over Trust – Rowley Youth Workers	\$47,000
Rowley Resource Centre – Salary and Programme Costs	\$30,000
Spreydon Youth Community Trust – Hillmorton and Cashmere Youth Workers	\$27,000

Existing Commitments

22. The Board currently has four multi-year funded projects. Each of these projects was funded for a period of three years in 2008/09. This year is the final year of the agreements. These projects are:

Name of Group and Project	Amount Funded
Family and Community Division of Anglican Care – Family and Community Development Worker	\$36,000
Family and Community Division of Anglican Care – Sydenham Community Development Worker	\$30,000
Spreydon Community Gardens Trust – Garden Management	\$25,000
Te Whare Roopu O Otarepo – Waltham Community Cottage	\$22,800

Ineligible Applications

23. One application was received late and was therefore ineligible. The applicant subsequently chose to apply to the Spreydon Heathcote Small Grants Fund. This was:

Name of Group and Project	Amount Requested
New Harvest Trust – Community Centre and Peer Support Service	\$5,000

Timeline and Process

24. Community Boards have delegated authority from the Council to make final decisions on the Strengthening Communities Funding for their respective wards. The Board's decisions will be actioned immediately following the decision meeting. All groups will then be informed of the decisions and funding agreements will be negotiated where relevant. All funding approved is for the period of September to August each year, therefore grants will be paid out in early September 2010.

Grant Information Abbreviations

SCF	Strengthening Communities Fund
SGF	Small Grants Fund
DRF	Discretionary Response Fund
KLP	Key Local Projects
CDF	Community Development Fund
SPF	Small Projects Fund

Ward Abbreviations

S/H	Spreydon/Heathcote
S/P	Shirley/Papanui
H/F	Hagley/Ferrymead
R/W	Riccarton/Wigram
F/W	Fendalton/Waimairi
B/P	Burwood/Pegasus
A/W	Akaroa/Wairewa
L/MtH	Lyttelton/Mt Herbert