

2. APPLICATION TO THE LYTTTELTON/MT HERBERT 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – LYTTTELTON HARBOUR BASIN YOUTH COUNCIL

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding from the Lyttelton Harbour Basin Youth Council to the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board from its Discretionary Response Fund.
2. The request is for \$750.00 towards the cost of Lyttelton Youth Centre Emergency Administration.
3. There is currently a balance of \$4,374 remaining in the Boards Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. The purpose of the Lyttelton Harbour Basin Youth Council is to promote positive role models, socialisation opportunities and community participation by young people (disadvantaged young people in particular) in order to promote and foster self-esteem, group membership skills and other general qualities seen in responsible members of society. A youth centre, run by the youth council was established over ten years ago and is situated at 7 Dublin Street in Lyttelton.
5. The Lyttelton Harbour Basin Youth Council is requesting funding for administration for a new project they are about to launch, designed to help their sustainability. The project involves sending out letters to all residents in the area asking for a direct donation to help the centre stay open and to support the care for the youth of the district. Funds are required to cover the administration and postage associated with the project.
6. The role of the Youth Council is to employ, supervise and support the youth worker; provide planned and structured recreation activities for young people; support the development of new concepts and attitudes to recreation by challenging and extending personal boundaries; encourage and value participation of young people in community affairs and encourage community involvement in youth activities. The Youth Centre is also developing a relationship with the boys from the local carving centre, and they recently received two carvings from this group.
7. Participation numbers at the centre have increased and the centre now caters for 150 local young people. The youth workers have developed a relationship with the 'underage kids' (intermediate age – Year 7 and 8) from local schools, as well as maintaining their targeting of older youth. This younger age group was identified in the study: *Future Generation Lyttelton: Youth Report on the Youth of Lyttelton Harbour Basin 2005* written by Lisa Fitzgerald as being the trajectory point for outcomes for our young people. The Lyttelton Harbour Basin has no secondary school which necessitates travel for schooling and local young people are scattered around the city schools, breaking down their feeling of community connectedness - a factor in developing positive outcomes. The 'underage kids' love coming and being part of the Youth Centre and continue coming when they are older, viewing the Centre as a home for them which is safe and free from potential harm.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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LYTTELTON HARBOUR BASIN YOUTH COUNCIL		
EXPENSES		Cost (incl GST)
Toner/cartridges		\$300
Paper	2 boxes	\$100
Stamps		\$200
Copying		\$50
Envelopes, pens, folder		\$100
Total Cost		\$ 750.00
Amount Requested from Community Board		\$ 750.00

9. Lyttelton Harbour Basin Youth Council is not seeking funding from any other source for this project.

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LYTTELTON HARBOUR BASIN YOUTH COUNCIL - PREVIOUS CCC GRANTS			Cost
2009/10	Small Projects	Youth Camp and developmental activities	\$2,800.00
2009/10	Line Item	Youth Centre overhead support, administration	\$8,195.45
2008/09	Line Item	Overhead support	\$7,956.75
2008/09	Strengthening Communities	Youth Camp	\$5,223.00
2008/09	Small Projects	Training – youth leaders, workers, and board	\$2,156.00
2008/09	Discretionary Response	Youth Centre Manager	\$1,800.00
2007/08	Line Item	Overhead support	\$7,725.00
2007/08	CDS	Hanmer Camp	\$2,190.00

11. The Lyttelton Harbour Basin Youth Council has no funds available to contribute to this project. Current funds are tagged for wages and overheads. The group estimates that 15 voluntary hours will be expended on this project alone. The fundraising committee meets monthly to discuss fundraising opportunities and additional hours are spent on the activities, totalling about 50 hours per month.

12. There are no foreseeable risks to this project.

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

13. Yes. The Board's discretionary funding is part of the Community Grants listed under Community Support on Page 176 and Grants on Page 184 of the 2009-19 LTCCP.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

14. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

15. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans pages 172 and 176.

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

16. Yes. Strengthening Communities page 172 (2009-19 LTCCP).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

17. This application meets the following Council Community Grants Funding Outcomes:

- Enhance community and neighbourhood safety.
- Provide community based programmes which enhance basic life skills.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

18. Strengthening Communities Strategy

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board agrees to grant \$632 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response fund to the Lyttelton Harbour Basin Youth Council for the Lyttelton Youth Centre Emergency Administration project.