

**9. APPLICATION TO SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD 2010/11 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – WALTHAM YOUTH TRUST**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Community Services Group, DDI 941-8607
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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is for the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to consider an application for funding from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund from the Waltham Youth Trust. The application is for \$2,500 towards the costs of a New Pathways Counselling Programme pilot.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. In 2010/11, the total pool available for allocation for the Spreydon/Heathcote Discretionary Response Fund is \$51,197. The Discretionary Response Fund opens each year on 1 July and closes on 30 June the following year, or when all funds are expended.
3. The purpose of the Fund is to assist community groups where the project and funding request falls outside other council funding criteria and/or closing dates. This fund is also for emergency funding for unforeseen situations.
4. At the Council meeting of 22 April 2010, Council resolved to change the criteria and delegations around the local Discretionary Response Fund.
5. The change in criteria limited the items that the local Discretionary Response Fund does not cover to only:
  - (a) Legal challenges or Environment Court challenges against the Council, Council Controlled Organisations or Community Boards decisions;
  - (b) Projects or initiatives that change the scope of a Council project; and
  - (c) Projects or initiatives that will lead to ongoing operational costs to the Council.

Council also made a note that: *"Community Boards can recommend to the Council for consideration grants under (b) and (c)."*

6. Based on this criteria, the application from the Waltham Youth Trust for the New Pathways Counselling Programme is eligible for funding. The need and opportunity for this programme pilot to be delivered have arisen since the closing dates for other Council and Board funding sources.
7. Detailed information on the application and staff comments are included in the attached Decision Matrix. (**Attachment 1**).

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. The request for funding is to contribute towards the costs of professional counselling. The project budget items are planned as:

Item	Source	Amount
Fees	Donated expertise	\$5,000
Fees and administration	<b>DRF grant request</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
		Project Total: \$7,500

There is currently \$39,647 remaining in the Board's 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

9. Yes, see page 184 of the LTCCP regarding community grants schemes including Board funding.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

10. There are no legal considerations.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

11. 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?**

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

13. Refer to the attached Decision Matrix.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

14. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board approve a grant of \$2,500 from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund to Waltham Youth Trust for the New Pathways Counselling Programme towards counselling and administration costs.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion.