

**14. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2010/11 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – SOUTHERNERS MARCHING TEAM**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is for the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board to consider an application for funding from the Riccarton/Wigram 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund from the Southerners Marching Team for \$5,000.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. In 2010/11, the total pool available for allocation for the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's 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, the 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 1(b) and 1(c)."
6. Based on this criteria, the application from The Southerners Marching Team for operational expenses is eligible for funding.
7. Detailed information on the application and staff comments are included in the attached Decision Matrix. (**Attachment 1**)

**Financial Implications**

8. As at 22 September 2010 there was an unallocated balance of \$23,197 in the Riccarton/Wigram 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. This application aligns with Strengthening Communities Strategy and the following Riccarton/Wigram Community Board objective/s:
- Greater Riccarton/Wigram community awareness of, and access to, affordable community recreation and support programmes.
  - Assist children and young people in the Riccarton/Wigram area to achieve in the arts or sports field.
  - Contribution to increased social well being in Riccarton/Wigram area.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

14. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board approve a grant of \$2,000 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund to the Southerners Marching Team as a contribution towards their operational expenses.