

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPREYDON/ HEATHCOTE YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME 2011/12

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to set aside \$7,500 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund for the purpose of establishing a Youth Achievement Scheme Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Youth Achievement Scheme Fund provides small grants to eligible individuals. The fund is available for up to 12 months or when the fund is spent. The purpose of the scheme is to celebrate and support young people living positively in the local community by providing financial assistance for their development.
3. The Scheme aims to provide small grants to approximately 15-20 young people living in the Spreydon/Heathcote ward area. Applications to the fund will be considered in the following categories:
 - Personal Development and Growth
 - Leadership training
 - Career development
 - Outward Bound/ Spirit of Adventure
 - Extra curricular educational opportunities
 - Other similar activities.
 - Representation at Events
 - Applicants also qualify for assistance if they have been selected to represent their school, team or community at a local, national or international event or competition. This includes sporting, cultural and community events.
4. In order to be eligible applicants will also need to meet the criteria listed in **Attachment 1**. Applicants will be required to complete an application form that will be assessed by the appropriate staff member and a report presented to the Board for its consideration. Applicants are encouraged to apply six weeks prior to the event/activity taking place to allow time for a report to be considered before they go away.
5. In making recommendations to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board staff will make comment on the following matters:
 - The extent of additional funds that the individual/group has sourced from other funders and the amount of fundraising undertaken.
 - The level at which the group or individual is performing in their chosen field.

Staff will request that every recipient of a grant complete a report summary detailing what the grant was used for and how it has helped them.

6. As a guideline, a subsidy of up to \$500 for events/projects requiring international travel (excluding Oceania), up to \$350 for events/projects within Oceania and up to \$250 for events/projects within New Zealand will be recommended. The level of achievement, overall cost of the trip, date of selection, financial hardship and other special circumstances may impact on these guidelines.

Financial Implications

7. This proposal transfers funds from the Board's Discretionary Response Fund into a separate Youth Achievement Scheme Fund. This will in turn decrease the funding available for other applicants to the Board's Discretionary Response Fund. The Board may also allocate funding from the Board's Strengthening Communities Fund to the proposed Youth Achievement Scheme.
8. There is currently \$51,197 remaining in the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

9. Yes.

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 the Youth, Physical Recreation and Sport and Strengthening Communities Strategies and the following Spreydon/ Heathcote Community Board objective:
 - Increased participation of Spreydon/Heathcote residents in local and city-wide recreation events/ programmes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board:

- (a) Establish a Youth Achievement Scheme for the 2011/12 year.
- (b) Approve the transfer of \$7,500 from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's Youth Achievement Scheme Fund.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.