

12. APPLICATION TO HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD 2011/12 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – ELIM EARLY LEARNING TRUST

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to consider an application for funding from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund from Elim Early Learning Trust.
2. At the time of writing, there is \$44,996 remaining in the 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. In 2011/12, the total pool available for allocation for the 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.
4. 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.
5. At the Council meeting of 22 April 2010, the Council resolved to change the criteria and delegations around the local Discretionary Response Fund.
6. 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.The Council also made a note that: "Community Boards can recommend to the Council for consideration grants under (b) and (c)."
7. Based on this criteria, the application (refer **attachment**) from Elim Early Learning Trust is eligible for funding.
8. Staff recommend that the Board approve partial funding for Elim Early Learning Trust for salaries of staff working with children and families.

Financial Implications

9. There is currently \$44,996 remaining in the Boards 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. The application from Elim Early Learning Trust aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy and the following Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board objectives:
- Support/advocate for initiatives that support lifelong learning.
 - Acknowledge diversity and support measures for vibrant, inclusive and strong communities.
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CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board approve a grant of \$10,000 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to Elim Early Learning Trust for salaries of staff working with children and families.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.