

10. SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND FOR BANKS PENINSULA

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To allocate within the Banks Peninsula area the funds from 2011/12 SPARC Rural Travel Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. SPARC Rural Travel Funds are provided to encourage participation in sport by young people living in rural communities. It is open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams in areas that have less than ten people per square kilometre. The fund is for young people aged between five and 19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions. The fund is not available for travelling to regional or national events. A school club team is defined as one participating in regular local sport competitions in weekends, excluding inter-school and intra-school competitions during school time. A sports club is defined as participating in organised, regular sport competition through membership outside school time. 'Local' for Banks Peninsula young people means travelling to other sub-unions such as Ellesmere, Waihora, Lincoln and further afield to participate in regular competitions.
See attachment 1
3. For the 2011/12 funding round SPARC have allocated \$9,500.00 (excluding GST) for the Banks Peninsula area. Lyttelton and Governors Bay, which have more than ten people per square kilometre, are not included.
4. Last year was to have been the last year that SPARC was going to allocate the grant to Christchurch City Council, but in the light of the earthquakes it has funded the Council for one more year and allowed the Council this year to be more flexible in the allocation of funds. The Council opened the allocation to schools that may have to travel further for sport and recreation due to earthquake damage, but received no applications.
5. In October 2011 two advertisements were placed in the in the Akaroa Mail. The total cost of advertising was \$614.00. All past applicants and schools have been emailed the funding application guidelines and prominent leaders in the community have promoted the opportunity to sporting associations.
6. The closing date of grant applications was 5 November 2011.
7. Last year four organisations applied for and received funds. **See attachment 2.** All the organisations have returned their accountability reports.
8. This year four applications have been received. One each from Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club, Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club, Banks Peninsula Cricket Sub-Association and the Tai Tapu Netball Club. The Tai Tapu Netball Club has applied only for the 19 girls who reside in Banks Peninsula.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The total amount available to distribute is \$9,181. This is the balance left from the \$295 carried forward from last year less the advertising costs. The total amount of funds requested this year is \$14,281.

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

10. Yes, the funding has been provided to Christchurch City Council from SPARC and is aligned to The Council's community grants scheme on page 187: "*community grants made on behalf of other organisations.*"

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. The Lyttelton/Mt Herbert and Akaroa/Wairewa Community Boards have joint authority to allocate the annual SPARC Rural Travel fund for Banks Peninsula.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. This funding assists the Council to meet the community outcomes under Recreation on page 56 of the 2009-2019 LTCCP: - *“More people participate in physical and sporting activities.”*

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

13. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. The applications align with the Physical Recreation & Sport Strategy 2002, objective 4.1: *“Sports clubs and associations are meeting the needs of the public”.*

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board approves the staff recommendations contained in the Application Matrix 2011/12. **See attachment 3.**