

8. BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD 2010/11 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND - APPLICATIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board to consider three applications for funding from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund from:
 - (i) New Brighton Community Gardens for \$1,035;
 - (ii) Burwood/Pegasus Community Watch for \$1,685; and
 - (iii) Project Employment and Environmental Enhancement Programme (PEEEP) for \$400.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 2010/11, 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.
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 on 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.

The 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 attached applications from New Brighton Community Gardens, Burwood/Pegasus Community Watch and Project Employment and Environmental Enhancement Programme (PEEEP) are eligible for funding (refer **Attachment 1**).
7. Detailed information on the application and staff comments are included in the attached Decision Matrix (Attachment 1).

Financial Implications

8. There is currently **\$3,640** remaining in the Board's 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund with the combined total requested by the organisations in this report being \$3,120.

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. The application from New Brighton Community Gardens aligns with the following Council Strategies and Policies:

- Strengthening Communities Strategy
- Community Gardens Guidelines
- Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy
- Ageing Together Strategy
- Children's Strategy

The application from New Brighton Community Gardens aligns with the following Burwood/Pegasus Community Board objectives:

- The Board will play an active role in the Burwood/Pegasus ward by acknowledging diverse communities and will contribute to facilitating a vibrant, inclusive and strong community.
- The Board will support and encourage residents to participate in local recreation, leisure and cultural activities.
- The Board will work for the Burwood/Pegasus Ward being a safer place in which our residents live.

14. The application from Burwood/Pegasus Community Watch aligns with the following Council Strategies and Policies:

- Strengthening Communities Strategy
- Safer Christchurch Strategy

The application from Burwood/Pegasus Community Watch aligns with the following Burwood/Pegasus Community Board objectives:

- The Board will work for the Burwood/Pegasus Ward being a safer place in which our residents live.
- The Board will promote local lifelong learning opportunities and recognise achievements.

15. The application from Project Employment and Environmental Programme (PEEEP) aligns with the following Council Strategies and Policies:

- Strengthening Communities Strategy
- Social Wellbeing Policy

The application from Project Employment and Environmental Programme (PEEEP) aligns with the following Burwood/Pegasus Community Board objectives:

- The Board will play an active role in the Burwood/Pegasus ward by acknowledging diverse communities and will contribute to facilitating a vibrant, inclusive and strong community.

- The Board will promote local lifelong learning opportunities and recognise achievements.
- The Board is committed to the guardianship of the local environment through advocating for sustainability initiatives particularly those relating to improving the water quality of the Avon/Heathcote Estuary and local waterways.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board:

- (a) Approve a grant of \$1,035 from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund to the New Brighton Community Gardens towards their security system.
- (b) Approve a grant of \$1,685 from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund to Burwood/Pegasus Community Watch towards volunteers attending a training weekend in Dunedin.
- (c) Approve a grant of \$400 from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund to Project Employment and Environmental Programme for it's Winter Wednesday soup day.