

10. APPLICATION TO AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD 2011/12 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board to consider an application for funding from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund from the Ngaio Point Residents group for \$200.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 2011/12, the total pool available for allocation for the Akaroa/Wairewa Discretionary Response Fund is \$21,773. 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, 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 (b) and (c)."*

6. Based on this criteria, the application from the Ngaio Point Residents Group for a contribution towards a neighbourhood barbeque is eligible for funding.
7. The Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board had their initial decision meeting for the neighbourhood community events at a meeting on 19 October 2011. As there were unallocated funds available applications were sought from community/ neighbourhood groups for a second funding round. Decisions were made on those applications under delegated authority to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman and endorsed by the Board at its meeting on 14 December 2011.
8. The Ngaio Point Residents' Group made an application for Neighbourhood Week funding for \$200 towards a neighbourhood barbeque. Unfortunately the application was misplaced and did not come to staff's attention until recently.
9. Although this was a late application it had been sent to the Council prior to other applications received for the second funding round.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There is currently \$10,884 remaining in the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. Yes, Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board approve a total grant of \$200 to the Ngaio Point Residents Group as a contribution towards their neighbourhood barbeque.

It is further recommended that the \$200 be allocated from any unexpected funds remaining in the 2011 Neighbourhood Week Fund with the balance of the grant being paid from the Board's Discretionary Response Fund.