

11. **APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD 2011/12 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – CANTERBURY PLAYCENTRE ASSOCIATION**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Community Services Group, DDI 941 8607
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Community Support Unit Manager
<b>Assessment undertaken by:</b>	Paul Habinshuti, Strengthening Communities Adviser

**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 the Canterbury Playcentre Association for \$4,830 for a Feasibility Study for Heathcote Valley Playcentre.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. In 2011/12, the total pool available for allocation for the Discretionary Response Fund is \$51,197. By resolution of the Council unspent or unallocated funds from the 2010/11 Strengthening Communities Fund and the Metropolitan Small Grants Fund were allocated to local discretionary response funds, increasing the amount available for allocation by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board in 2011/12 to \$73,084.40. 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 Canterbury Playcentre Association for a Feasibility Study for Heathcote Valley Playcentre is eligible for funding.
7. Detailed information on the application and staff comments are included in the attached Decision Matrix (refer **Attachment 1**).

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. There is currently \$29,428.48 remaining in the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund.

**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. Refer to the attached Decision Matrix.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

14. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board approve a grant of \$4,830 from its 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to Canterbury Playcentre Association for a Feasibility Study for Heathcote Valley Playcentre.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.