

11. PROJECTS FOR SAFER CHRISTCHURCH BANKS PENINSULA BUDGET

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board to approve a recommendation to seek funding for a proposed project from the Safer Christchurch Banks Peninsula budget.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 2011/12, Safer Christchurch has \$15,400 available for the Banks Peninsula Ward to implement crime prevention and injury prevention projects. This is an annual allocation to be spent within the 1 July - 30 June financial period.
3. The purpose of the fund is for the Akaroa/Wairewa and Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Boards to identify community issues, concerns, or projects with a crime prevention or injury prevention focus which meet both the criteria and outcomes of the Safer Christchurch framework and Safer Christchurch Strategy.
4. The combined Lyttelton/Mt Herbert and Akaroa/Wairewa Community Boards' seminar last year decided to concentrate on projects which would provide positive programmes addressing issues affecting children signalling that there would be better traction with a Ward wide project rather than disparate programmes for each Board. The two Strengthening Communities Advisers were asked to approach the local schools for their "wish lists".
5. Schools were contacted at the beginning of the fourth term and given until mid November to identify issues or programmes they would like addressed, following discussion with staff and Boards of Trustees.
6. At this time, three of the four school principals were either retiring or had new positions out of the area, and the fourth (Diamond Harbour) was relieving in the position until the principal returned at the beginning of 2012.
7. As Diamond Harbour had been the only respondent the schools were contacted again when their new principals were in place in February. In addition, the Police who cover the Lyttelton Harbour Basin area, and the Lyttelton Harbour Basin Youth Centre staff who have been providing support for this age group were contacted for the benefit of their differing perspectives.
8. This second set of responses has provided some clear themes and issues to be addressed. There is a need for parents to be supported post earthquake. Housing issues continue due to relocations and uncertainty over zoning. For some this is creating financial concerns. In addition, there were difficulties during the emergencies in getting to children schooled in Christchurch which has had an ongoing impact for some families.
9. Children in Lyttelton have a history of transitioning difficulties to high school as identified in the doctorate thesis researched and written by Lisa Fitzgerald in 2004. Recommendations included programmes to raise self esteem and minimise harm, and visits to secondary schools prior to transitioning (along with other liaison activities) to build resiliency and leadership skills. The Lyttelton Youth Centre and harbour schools continue to work on the recommendations in the thesis to help prepare senior primary pupils for secondary school.
10. The decile ratings of the schools in the Lyttelton harbour basin range between eight and ten. Rolls at the beginning of the year ranged from 61 in Governor's Bay, 99 in Diamond Harbour and 115 and 127 for Lyttelton Main and Lyttelton West Schools respectively. According to Census 2006 figures just over half (51%) of the families in Lyttelton Harbour communities have children.

11. Suggestions for specific programmes included a programme for senior primary aged boys to participate in a targeted Whakaraupo Carving Centre course, a targeted "DARE to be You" programme for senior primary children to take place over a weekend, a parent talk by a 'high profile speaker focussing on resiliency and leadership potential, and support information for families experiencing difficulties – especially in the aftermath of the earthquakes.
12. Any programmes need to be co-ordinated from within the community and the Lyttelton Harbour Basin Youth Council is ideally placed to initiate and drive the identified programmes. In addition to the named programmes which will be delivered in Lyttelton, many appropriate programmes and services for families are currently free via Christchurch because of the earthquakes, and information about these will be made readily available from a variety of locations. The Youth Council will work in concert with schools and other groups where appropriate.
13. Staff sought advice from the Safer Christchurch team which indicated that as the earthquakes have severely affected the region and although aspects of the proposal are a one off move away from the true fit with the Safer Christchurch Strategy, staff thought it could work if a project is based on the linking of the work to reducing family stressors and therefore reducing the chance of family violence.
14. The Community Board is required to adopt a proposal and by resolution at their meeting seek the funding from the Safer Christchurch budget to implement the project. The proposed "Support for Children and Families Project" is **attached** to this report.
15. The Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board has already approved funding for a project to implement in its area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

16. There is currently \$15,400 available in the Safer Christchurch budget for crime prevention and injury prevention projects undertaken in the Banks Peninsula Ward for the 2011/12 year. This allocation is divided equally between the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert and Akaroa/Wairewa areas.
17. The following tables provide budget options for the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert "Support for Children and Families Project". Budget Option 1 is the preferred option.

Budget Option 1 (includes Parent Talk)			
Activity			Cost
Carving Course	Tutor, materials, administration	2x 3 hrs per week 10 weeks for six students. Boys will continue attending until set tasks are completed as completion is integral to the course.	\$3,600.00
DARE to be You Course	Two Facilitators Materials	- over two days, delivery of programme for 10 students. Activity resources, activity sheets, stationery and Completion certificates	\$ 979.00
Parent Talk	Speaker costs	Includes appearance fee, accommodation and sundry expenses	\$2,500.00
	Venue	\$30/hour x 3 hours	\$ 90.00
Family Support	Family Violence Literature	Some material is free but there can be a cost for posters, printing etc for area specific material such as beer mats.	\$ 531.00
Total			\$7,700.00

Budget Option 2 (excludes Parent Talk)			
Activity			Cost
Carving Course	Tutor, materials, administration	2x 3 hrs per week 10 weeks for six students. Boys will continue attending until set tasks are completed as completion is integral to the course.	\$3,600.00
DARE Courses (x4)	Two Facilitators Materials	- over two days, delivery of programme for 10 students. Activity resources, activity sheets, stationery and Completion certificates	\$ 3,916.00
Family Support	Family Violence Literature	Some material is free but there can be a cost for posters, printing etc for area specific material such as beer mats.	\$ 184.00
Total			\$7,700.00

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

18. Yes, see page 184 of the LTCCP

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

19. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

20. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans, page 173 and 174

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

21. Yes, see LTCCP pages 173 and 174 regarding Strengthening Communities and Safer Christchurch.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

22. This application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy, 2007 and the Safer Christchurch Strategy, 2008.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

23. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board endorses a proposal to allocate \$7,700 of the Safer Christchurch's Banks Peninsula crime prevention and injury prevention budget to implement the preferred project to build resiliency for children transitioning to secondary school and for families to reduce the risk of an escalation in family violence following the effects of the 2010/11 earthquakes and continuing aftershocks for the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert area.