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**FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD
4 JULY 2008**

**A meeting of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board
was held on Friday 4 July 2008 at 8am
in the Board Room, Fendalton Service Centre.**

PRESENT: Val Carter (Chairperson), Sally Buck, Faimeh Burke, Cheryl Colley,
Mike Wall and Andrew Yoon.

APOLOGIES: Jamie Gough.

The Board reports that:

PART A - REPORTS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUNDING 2008/09



General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Council for its approval the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board recommendations for its Strengthening Communities Fund for 2008/09.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council adopted the Strengthening Communities Strategy on 12 July 2007. The Strategy incorporated the Community Group Grants Review which provided the framework, principles and funding outcomes for the new Strengthening Communities Grants Funding Programme. This programme replaces the Project and Discretionary Funding process as previously used by the community boards.
3. The Strengthening Communities Grants Funding Programme comprises four new funding schemes, which supersede all previous community group grant schemes, sub-schemes and categories. The new schemes are:
 - (a) Strengthening Communities Fund
 - (b) Small Projects Fund
 - (c) Discretionary Response Fund
 - (d) Community Organisations Loan Scheme
4. The new funding schemes enable the Council and its community boards to support and provide leverage opportunities for not-for-profit, community focused groups seeking funding in support of their community endeavours. Detail of the outcomes, priorities and applicant criteria of the new scheme are included in the background section of this report.
5. This report deals specifically with the Board's recommended allocations for the Strengthening Communities Fund for the Fendalton/Waimairi ward. The total available for the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board to allocate in 2008/09 is \$280,000.

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The Decision Matrix

6. Detailed information on each applicant's project was presented to the Board in a Decision Matrix. The matrix names the organisation applying for funding and clearly describes the individual project applied for, including up to four project goals that will be delivered via the project. Details of alignment with Council strategies and Board objectives is provided as well as historical background to projects and applicants where applicable. The matrix also includes staff recommendations for funding.
7. Under the Strengthening Communities Funding Scheme, organisations were asked to make applications for 'project-based' costs, in order to show where ratepayers money was being spent and what outcomes were being achieved. As such, organisations may have made more than one application in order to fund separate projects and deliver a range of services.
8. A draft matrix was presented to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board at a seminar meeting, where no decisions were made, on 4 June 2008. This enabled the Board and staff to discuss the projects, clarify any issues and seek further information if necessary.
9. The final matrix provided to the Board included 21 applications for funding with a total amount requested of \$346,231 and a total amount recommended by staff of \$235,000. Two projects originally included in the draft matrix were removed due to them being considered capital works and therefore not meeting the funding criteria. Further advice on these two projects was provided by staff at the meeting. A small number of Council Greenspace projects initially submitted were withdrawn due to those more appropriately being funded from operational budgets.

Key Local Organisations

10. Each Board may nominate Key Local Organisations (KLOs) in its area that are put forward to the Metropolitan Funding Committee for consideration for metropolitan funding. Details of the KLOs are not included in the matrix, unless they are referred back to the Board from the Metropolitan Funding Committee.
11. The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board has no nominated KLOs for 2008/09.

Timeline and Process

12. Following the Board decisions at its meeting on 4 July 2008, the agreed allocations are forwarded to the Council for final approval in August 2008. All groups will then be informed of the decisions and funding agreements will be negotiated where relevant. All funding approved is for the period of September to August each year, therefore grants will be paid out in early September 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. Each Christchurch city urban community board has \$280,000 to allocate in its Strengthening Communities Funding for the 2008/09 year. The Board may approve one, two or three year funding for particular organisations if it wishes. Each urban community board also has \$85,000 to allocate through the Small Projects Fund process and \$60,000 available in its Discretionary Response Fund, both of which are dealt with separately to this process and report.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

14. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

15. Yes. Community Board funding decisions are forwarded to the Council for final approval.

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ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

16. Yes. Strengthening Communities Funding and Community Board Funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. Yes, Page 59 of the LTCCP, Strategic Direction, Strong Communities; and the Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. No external consultation needs to be undertaken, although staff have discussed funding applications with those groups that have submitted the applications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council give consideration to the projects detailed in the decision matrix and approve allocations for Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board Strengthening Communities Funding for 2008/09.

Note: The draft decision matrix presented to the Board at its seminar meeting on 4 June 2008 included the project "Fendalton Art Work". This was a funding request for stage two of a community art project that began in the 2007/08 year. This project was removed from the final matrix by staff as it was considered to be ineligible according to the criteria of the fund, due to it being for capital works. The Manager Community Support was in attendance at the meeting to discuss this matter with the Board and reiterated the staff advice that this project was ineligible under the current criteria for the Strengthening Communities Fund.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- (a) Approve the allocations recommended by the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for its 2008/09 Strengthening Communities Funding, as detailed in the table below.
- (b) Note that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board unanimously recommends that \$25,000 be allocated from the 2008/09 Strengthening Communities Fund to stage two of the Fendalton Art Work project, for an artwork in the Board area, and approve the allocation as recommended. (This recommendation is included in the table below as project number 22.)

No.	Group	Project	Amount Allocated	Board Comment/Criteria
1	Avonhead Community Trust	24/7 Leadership Training – towards salaries for four youth workers.	\$19,500	Board committed to fund for three years but with amounts to be negotiated for the following years.
2	Avonhead Community Trust	Community Programmes – towards salary for youth worker (\$15,000) and administration costs (\$5,000).	\$20,000	Board committed to fund for three years but with amounts to be negotiated for the following years. Application for funding for Rock Solid Programme to be referred to Small Projects Fund for consideration.

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3	Bishopdale Community Trust	Community Programmes – towards salary of community worker and overhead costs.	\$18,200	Board committed to fund for three years but with amounts to be negotiated for the following years.
4	Burnside Elim Community Church	Community Activities – towards salary for community worker and community counselling service.	\$15,000	Board committed to fund for three years but with amounts to be negotiated for the following years.
5	Burnside Elim Community Church	LINK Programme costs.	\$7,050	Board committed to fund for three years but with amounts to be negotiated for the following years.
6	Christchurch Chinese Church	Social Support Programmes.	\$10,000	Board committed to fund for three years but with amounts to be negotiated for the following years.
7	Community Development Team	Community Liaison and Networking Meetings.	\$3,500	
8	Community Engagement Team	Garden Awards, Heritage Awards, Community Service Awards and Neighbourhood Week.	\$15,000	
9	Crossfire Trust	Mentoring and Community Programmes – towards salary of youth worker and overhead costs.	\$10,000	
10	Democracy Services Team	Community Board Newsletters.	\$5,000	
11	Presbyterian Support	Aorangi School Project – to enable the development of Aorangi community hub.	\$24,000	
12	Recreation and Sport Team	Culture Galore 2009.	\$11,750	
13	Recreation and Sport Team	Avic Hill Arts & Craft Festival.	\$7,000	
14	Recreation and Sport Team	Dancing under the Stars.	\$7,000	
15	Recreation and Sport Team	Fendalton Leisure Club – Older Adults activities.	\$4,500	
16	St Barnabas Anglican Church	Social Isolation Project – towards salary for community worker.	\$10,000	
17	St Barnabas Anglican Church	Young People's Social Project – towards salary for youth worker.	\$15,000	

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18	St Mary's in Merivale	Community Centre costs.	\$15,000	
19	St Stephen's Community Centre	Community Programmes – towards salary for family and community worker.	\$17,500	Board committed to fund for three years but with amounts to be negotiated for the following years.
20	Community Development Team	Youth Worker salary.	\$0	Declined. Staff to hold further discussions with applicant regarding the project.
21	Youth for Christ	Leadership Training	\$0	Declined.
22	Fendalton Art Work	Stage two of Fendalton community art work project.	\$25,000	Staff Recommendation Ineligible according to the criteria of the fund, due to it being for capital works. Board Recommendation Unanimously supported by Board. To be discussed at Council with respect to funding criteria.
	Total Recommended		\$260,000	

(Note: Subject to Council approval of the recommendations above, the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board will only be allocating \$260,000 of its total \$280,000. The remaining \$20,000 will be allocated at a later stage in the financial year, to projects in the Fendalton/Waimairi ward that meet the criteria for the Strengthening Communities Fund.)

BACKGROUND

19. The following funding outcomes have been used to evaluate and assess applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund:
- Support, develop and promote the capacity and sustainability of community recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups;
 - Increase participation in and awareness of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups, programmes and local events;
 - Increase community engagement in local decision making;
 - Enhance community and neighbourhood safety;
 - Provide community based programmes which enhance basic life skills;
 - Reduce or overcome barriers to participation; and
 - Foster collaborative responses to areas of identified need.
20. The following priorities have been taken into consideration when assessing applications:
- Older Adults;
 - Children and Youth;
 - People with Disabilities;
 - Ethnic and Culturally Diverse Groups;
 - Disadvantaged and / or Socially Excluded;
 - Capacity of Community Organisations; and
 - Civic Engagement.
21. Each community board's objectives were also taken into consideration when assessing applications.

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22. Core criteria for applicants to the Strengthening Communities fund are:
- Not-for-profit, community-focused groups/organisations;
 - Legal status;
 - Based in the Christchurch City Council area and programmes primarily for Christchurch residents;
 - No unresolved previous accountability requirements and no overdue debts to the Council;
 - Must provide evidence of the project need;
 - Must have appropriate financial management, accounting, monitoring and reporting practices;
 - Applications must show evidence of authorised approval to seek funding from the Council; and
 - Must have sound governance, operational capacity and capability to deliver.
23. Boards have the option to give one, two or three year funding terms to applicants that demonstrate competency and have a track record in operating and delivering projects according to the above criteria.
24. In making recommendations, and so as to ensure the consistency of recommendations with regard to all applications, staff held inter-unit collaboration meetings. At the meetings, individual applications were discussed and critically assessed. The meetings included staff members from Community Development, Community Engagement, Recreation and Sports, Greenspace and Democracy Services.
25. All applications appearing on the Decision Matrix have been assigned a Priority Rating. The current Priorities Ratings are as follows:
1. Meets all eligibility and criteria and contributes **significantly** to Funding Outcomes and Priorities.
 2. Meets all eligibility and criteria and contributes to Funding Outcomes and Priorities.
 3. Meets all eligibility and criteria and has **minimum** contribution to Funding Outcomes and Priorities.

PART C – DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

2. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2008/09

The Board considered a report seeking approval to set aside \$10,000 from its 2008/09 Discretionary Response Fund for the purpose of establishing a Youth Development Scheme.

The Board **resolved** to:

- (a) Establish a Youth Development Scheme for the 2008/09 year.
- (b) Approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board's 2008/09 Discretionary Response Fund to the Youth Development Scheme.

The meeting concluded at 9.20am.

CONFIRMED THIS 15th DAY OF JULY 2008

**VAL CARTER
CHAIRPERSON**