

16. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES GRANTS FUNDING PROGRAMME – SMALL GRANTS FUND METROPOLITAN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to suggest changes regarding the Metropolitan Small Grants Fund. Suggested changes are to take place from the 2010-11 funding round onwards.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council adopted the Strengthening Communities Strategy on 12 July 2007. The Strengthening Communities Grants Funding Programme comprises four funding schemes:
 - Strengthening Communities Fund
 - Small Projects Fund (now Small Grants Fund)
 - Discretionary Response Fund
 - Community Organisations Loan Scheme.
3. The purpose of the Small Grants Fund is to assist projects that enhance community groups' capacity and/or increase participation. The upper limit for applications to this Fund is \$5,000 and provides funding leverage through the provision of a number of small grants to a large number of community groups.

Metropolitan Small Grants Fund

4. In December 2009, the Council resolved to establish a Metropolitan Small Grants Fund Subcommittee comprising Councillors Johanson, Shearing, Wall, Button, Corbett and Buck (with the Deputy Mayor as ex-officio) to take effect from 1 June 2010 to allocate the Metropolitan Small Grants Fund, to eligible applicants whose projects are consistent with the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy and LTCCP (2009-19).
5. Staff recommend that the Council disestablish this sub-committee and appoint a new subcommittee comprising of all of the Community Board Chairs (or their delegate) to allocate the Metropolitan Small Grants Fund, from 1 June 2010

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. None.

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

7. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. Not applicable.

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

9. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Yes.

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

11. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. Yes.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Yes, Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council disestablish the current Metropolitan Small Grants subcommittee and appoint a new subcommittee comprising of all of the Community Board Chairs (or their delegate) from 1 June 2010 to allocate the Metropolitan Small Grants Fund, to eligible applicants whose projects are consistent with the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy and LTCCP (2009-19).