

2. SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND FOR BANKS PENINSULA WARD



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To assess funding applications and recommend to Council a division of the funds from the 2009/10 SPARC Rural Travel Fund within the Banks Peninsula Ward.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. SPARC Rural Travel Funds are provided to encourage participation in sport by young people living in rural communities. It is open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams in areas that have less than ten people per square kilometre. The fund is for young people aged between 5-19 years who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions. The fund is not available for travelling to regional or national events. A school club team is defined as one participating in regular local sport competitions in weekends, excluding inter-school and intra-school competitions during school time. A sports club is defined as participating in organised, regular sport competition through membership outside of school time. 'Local' for Peninsula young people means travelling to other sub-unions such as Ellesmere, Waihora, Lincoln and further afield to participate in regular competitions.
3. For the 2009/10 funding round, SPARC have allocated \$9,500 (excluding GST) for the Banks Peninsula area. The allocation is based on a population density formula for areas with less than ten people per square kilometre and therefore excludes Lyttelton and Governors Bay.
4. Five per cent of funds may be allocated to advertising. There is an extra amount of \$400 carried over from last year due to an over allocation for advertising. At the beginning of October 2009 two advertisements were placed, one in the Akaroa Mail and one in the Bay Harbour News, for a total cost of \$279. This leaves a balance of \$9,621 for distribution. All past applicants and the local schools have been mailed the funding application guidelines and emails have been sent out to sporting associations promoting the opportunity to apply.
5. The closing date of grant applications has been brought forward this year to 1 November to align with the funding allocation dates from SPARC. In the past the grant funding has been deposited into the Council account in August but applications were not called for until the following March.
6. This year only two clubs have applied - Diamond Harbour Rugby Football Club and Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club. The Akaroa School have decided that with the use of the Heartlands van they no longer need the assistance. The Under 20 Trust have asked for last year's funds to be held over as, due to a change in youth leader, they were unable to field a football team for competition.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The total amount available to distribute is \$9,621. The total amount of funds requested is \$8,500. Any unallocated funds will need to be returned to SPARC.

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

8. Yes, the funding has been provided to Christchurch City Council from SPARC and is aligned to the Council's community grants scheme on Page 185 of the 2009-2019 LTCCP; Community grants made on behalf of other organisations.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. This funding assists the Council to meet the community outcomes under Recreation on Page 54 of the 2009–2019 LTCCP - “More people participate in sporting activities” .

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

11. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. The recommendations align with the Physical Recreation & Sport Strategy 2002, objective 4.1 “Sports clubs and associations are meeting the needs of the public.”

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board and Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board recommend that the Council approve the recommendations, contained in the **attached** matrix, for disbursement of the SPARC Rural Travel Fund for 2009/10.