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The Mobile Youth workers Project wishes to make a submission to the annual plan page 97 to the unspecified fund of the Civic and Community (Capital Endowment Fund).

The Mobile Youth workers Project (MYWP) was conceived in June of 2001. The Canterbury Youth workers Collective was involved in a working Group that was trying to address the issue of young people's safety in our city.

The working Group was formed through Safer Christchurch after a prominent businessman's daughter was beaten up in the middle of the city and he approached

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Safer Christchurch to hopefully get some solutions to the problem.

The project was developed over a year by the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective - a group of five youthworkers

The MYWP will have two teams of youth workers who are mobile by travelling in vans and walking the streets parks and shopping centres/malls of our city. This will be complimented by a safe place where young people can be taken if their safety is at risk regarding intoxication, needing to get home and needing some support over an issue - they may have been threatened or antagonised.

The youth workers work will focus on:

- engaging with young people on the streets in public places and renown venues for teenage parties where there's alcohol consumed
- To identify and monitor hot spots in the central city and suburbs
- To prevent incidents happening before police intervention
- To offer positive options to young people who may require further support
- To actively involve whanau, community, school/training and peers when working with young people.

This project is as much needed now as it was in 2001 There are still groups of young people hanging out in

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Areas of Christchurch at risk of getting into trouble or getting into unsafe situations

The project will work with existing Youth Services in particular the Christchurch City Council and Police Youth Work Project, the Pan Pacific Youth work project, and the Young People in the Sex Industry project. These projects work with at risk young people on the street.

The Youth and Cultural Development Society (the YCD) will umbrella the MYWP. The YCD is a very reputable youth service that has been running in our city for 11 years, running youth services for young people particularly Maori and Pacific Island young people. They often work with young people that other youth services are unable to.

The YCD has an excellent infrastructure to umbrella the MYWP and they are a Child Youth and Family approved level 2 provider and have in depth policies that the project will be supported by. The YCD will be able to house the project ie the workers will be based there and the Safe Place will operate from the YCD also.

The MYWP will run as a pilot for the first year with an independent evaluation being carried out at the end of the year. A budget is included with this submission.

It is our hope that the project will become a sustainable one that will continue to support our young people to stay safe in Christchurch.

The YCD has applied to the Canterbury Community Trust for \$80,000 the Loyre Francis Trust for \$60,000 and to the Christchurch City Council endowment fund for \$59,000.

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