

#### 4. CHRISTCHURCH WEST CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

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Corporate Plan Output: Board Discretionary Funds	

The purpose of this report is to advise receipt of an application for funding by the Christchurch West Citizens Advice Bureau (see attached application).

At its 27 February 2002 meeting the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board received a deputation from representatives of the Christchurch West Citizens Advice Bureau (Hornby), seeking funds to employ a part-time co-ordinator. This request was referred to that Board's Community Services Committee for a recommendation, but also to this Community Board, as part of the Bureau catchment area, and to the Selwyn District Council. It was reported that a meeting would be facilitated by Metropolitan Community Advocacy staff with the three bureaux and the South Island Regional Office to look for opportunities for closer co-operation and streamlining of some current business practices (to cut back on three-way duplication) before the 2003/04 Metropolitan Grants were considered.

The following recommendations were made from the Community Services Committee to the Riccarton/Wigram Board for approval.

- "1. That the Board make a grant of \$10,000.00 to the Christchurch West Citizens Advice Bureau to employ a part-time Co-ordinator from the 2001/02 Discretionary Fund for the period ending 30 June 2003.*
- 2. That any further funding requests from the Christchurch West Citizens Advice Bureau be considered after a review of the 3 Bureaux had been carried out."*

It should be noted that the Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards have each granted \$10,000.00 for a similar position at the Christchurch North Community Advocate Board for the last two years. However, this is also to be reviewed by these Boards.

A copy of a briefing paper relating to Council funding of Citizen's Advice Bureaux in Christchurch last year has been circulated separately to Board members.

**Recommendation:** For consideration.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the Board consider the funding in conjunction with the review on Christchurch City Council funding of Community Advocate Boards. It should be noted that there are limited funds left in the Discretionary Fund.