

11. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN (SCAP)

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The purpose of this report is to respond to a request regarding costs associated with administering the SCAP Core Group. At its meeting held on 13 March 2002 the Board deferred allocation of its \$40,000 for SCAP pending receipt of additional information.

A total of eight meetings have been held by the Group between the period of 2 June 2001 and 10 April 2002. An estimate of administrative costs (covering minute-taking, photocopying and distribution) based on the then Community Development Adviser's hourly rate, photocopying and postage would equate to a total of \$800 - being \$100 per meeting.

The Board's current representatives on the SCAP Core Group have indicated that the Group has discussed expanding membership. It should also be noted that current Board representation on the SCAP Core Group is due for review this month. The Board may wish to consider appointing members of its Community Services & Development Committee to this Group.

The Board has \$40,000 available for SCAP for the 2002/03 financial year and this is noted in the 2003 Edition of the Draft Financial Plan and Programme. It should be noted that the Board does not necessarily have to allocate this funding to SCAP. Other community boards in the city utilise this \$40,000 as follows:

Hagley-Ferrymead:

Have never had a Core Group operating.

2002/03 allocation has been allocated on projects that strengthen communities - next financial year the funding has been tagged for youth and Linwood Park related projects.

Riccarton-Wigram:

Core Group operated for the first couple of years, but not over the last few years. SCAP funding has been incorporated into the budget and treated as project funds.

Burwood-Pegasus:

Dissolved its SCAP Committee last year. The 2002/03 funds were allocated as part of the project fund allocation for projects such as Community Response Assistance Fund, Community Development Projects of Trusts and a Church.

Shirley-Papanui:

Does not have a Core Group. The funding is set aside as SCAP and projects referred to the Board throughout the year for projects that strengthen communities. Generally tend to be projects that are joint with a community group and meet the criteria for SCAP.

Fendalton-Waimairi:

This Board does have a Core Group in operation. Last year the Committee recommended a Plan to the Board which was adopted, and the money was used on such projects as a Community Directory, publications for community organisations, and general assistance for a range of community projects/initiatives. In addition, the funding provided for a pilot Youth Assistance Programme at Burnside High School.

A copy of Mary Richardson's original project brief for Strengthening Community Action Plans is attached for members' information, together with a letter of support from the Acting City Manager.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board formalise allocation of its \$40,000 set aside for SCAP.
 2. That the Board review its representation on the SCAP Core Group.

**Chairman's
Comment:**

The projects that the SCAP Committee has undertaken arose from The Big View in 1999, and it is intended that a report back will be made to Big View II on the outcomes of the projects.

Board members will need to take into account the community's views in deciding on the above recommendations.

Although other community boards may be using the original SCAP funding outside the scope of community development, there is no guarantee this funding will continue if not used for community development projects.