

4. SOCIAL INITIATIVES FUNDS

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The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to the Community and Leisure Committee for funding decisions on ten community projects that currently receive Social Initiatives funding support to the year ending 30 June 2002.

BACKGROUND

At its 6 August 2001 meeting the Community Services Committee reviewed its commitment to all the currently funded projects and allocated one year's further Social Initiatives funding (2001/02-year) only to the following community organisations with specific conditions set before any ongoing funding would be considered:

Potential for ongoing Community Board funding support

- Anglican Care (Linwood Community Resource Centre) – Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board
- St Albans Community Facilitator – Shirley/Papanui Community Board

To be further evaluated against the priorities and criteria of the Social Initiatives Fund

- Out of School programme support
- Parafed Canterbury
- Early Start Project Ltd
- Family Help Trust
- Gain NZ (Canterbury)
- Mental Health Education and Resource Centre Trust
- Te Kaupapa Whakaora Trust
- FAST Trust (Field Worker in Schools Project)

Attached are separate funding reports for each organisation/project except for the FAST Trust. A report on the FAST Trust project will be presented at the Community and Leisure Committee's 10 June 2002 meeting.

Those being recommended ongoing funding are for a further two years so their agreements remain in line with the projects that received three year funding (to 30 June 2004) at the 6 August 2001 meeting.

In November 2000 the Community Services Committee set the following priorities and criteria for the 1 July 2001/30 June 2004 three year cycle of the Social Initiatives Fund:

Priorities

- *Reduce disparity*
Projects that address the differences in outcomes between people.
- *Multi disadvantage*
Projects that work with people with some combination of the following factors; low income, inadequate housing, poor health, low school attainment and problems within the family.
- *Increase opportunities for participation*
Projects which enhance participation by people in communities, thereby creating networks, goodwill, trust, shared values and norms, and generating reciprocity.
- *Prevention*
Projects that aim to prevent negative outcomes, rather than address the symptoms of problems once they have developed.
- *Early intervention*
Projects that intervene in the early stages of the development of problems relating to multi-disadvantage.
- *Integrated approach*
Agencies that work with other agencies rather than in isolation.

Criteria

- Not for profit status
- Community initiative (not Council run)
- Legislation compliance and good practice standards (as appropriate)
- Potential or actual leverage of other support

The Committee also recognised that where a group/project currently being funded continues to meet the priorities and criteria, terms and conditions of the Social Initiatives Fund and meets the strategic objectives of the City Council, it will be given priority for ongoing Social Initiatives funding.

Recommendation: That the Committee consider the recommendations on each of the attached project funding reports.

Chairman's Recommendation: For discussion.