

2. ALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDING 2003/04

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Corporate Plan Output: Community Funding	

The purpose of this report is to identify projects for consideration from the Board's Project and Strengthening Communities Fund.

The Board has previously received:

- Schedule of project proposals
- Information sheet for each project
- Supporting information for various project proposals (including evaluations for 2 & 3 year commitments)

The Board met on 17 February to discuss the projects with staff prior to the allocation meeting. Following that seminar meeting the schedule of proposals was updated and is attached together with further information requested at the seminar meeting. Please also refer to the information sheets previously circulated.

The 2002-2004 Board Objectives and Performance Measures and policy documents referred to in the information sheets will be available at the meeting.

The Board has funding of \$390,000 for 2003/04 being:

- \$60,000 Discretionary Funding allocated at monthly meetings during the year
- \$40,000 Strengthening Communities Fund
- \$290,000 Project Fund

Project fund applications closed on 31 January 2003.

Fifty project proposals were received with requests totalling over \$385,000. Several requests did not state the amount of funding requested. The total amount available for project funding allocation is \$290,000.

Staff have identified projects they consider appropriate for the \$40,000 Strengthening Communities funding. The Board may like to separate out those projects identified on information sheets 17 to go forward to the Strengthening Communities Fund.

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Recommendation: For discussion.