

## 2. ALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDS 2003/2004

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The purpose of this report is to provide background information for consideration in allocating Project Funds. A schedule of projects is attached separately, and in some cases additional background information is either included with the schedule, or will be provided at the meeting.

To assist the Board with allocation of its Project Funds to proposed projects, copies of the following are attached:

- Board's Objectives and Performance Measures
- Board Planning Statement
- Pie chart showing last year's allocations

### BACKGROUND

The projects on the schedule have been obtained from various sources, deputations to the Board during the year; community groups and/or individuals; Board members and staff. A number of items are a continuation of projects from the previous year. It will be recalled that an additional \$50,000 added to the Board Project Funds is specifically to support existing community workers employed by not for profit organisations, or the employment of new positions, either Board funded or jointly funded by other organisations. It was indicated at the time the additional funding was provided that it would allow Boards to fund such positions for more than one year, thereby giving the positions security for that period and the opportunity to develop the project.

The Council has again also allocated each Board area \$40,000 for Strengthening Communities (SCAP).

In preparing the list consideration has been given to the recommendations made in the Hoon Hay Needs Analysis and the Evaluation of the Children at Risk programme.

### FUNDING BREAKDOWN

#### Project Funds 2003/2004 - \$390,000

##### ▪ **Strengthening Communities (SCAP) \$40,000**

The Board has delegated responsibility for allocating this funding to the SCAP Committee which has representatives from within the community as well as the Community Board.

##### ▪ **Support/Employment of Community Workers \$50,000**

Additional funding from Council and must be allocated at this time. The schedule indicates which projects could be allocated from this fund.

##### ▪ **Discretionary Fund**

Up to \$60,000 can be withheld for allocation throughout the year to any projects as decided by the Board.

### SCAP FUNDING

It is suggested that the Board give some consideration to the delegation of this fund to the SCAP Committee with a view to establishing a process to be followed for allocating funding. Projects which receive funding are generally, referred to the Committee from the Board, various community organisations, or Committee representatives. However, knowledge of this fund and how to apply for it is not widely promoted in the community. This would help in focussing allocation of the funding with the Board's objectives.

It is also advised that minutes of the SCAP Committee be referred to the Board for information.

## **NEW LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE BUILDING**

The Board has previously discussed providing funding towards something within the grounds or interior of the new building. A suggestion of tree planting has been mentioned. A landscape plan has been prepared as part of the overall project. An area for a small play area has been identified, but no funding has been provided for this within the construction/fit out budgets. Alternatively, a piece of local art or sculpture may be considered.

### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.