

### 3. SOCIAL INITIATIVES FUND ALLOCATION OF NEW MONIES FOR THE 2003/04 YEAR

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The purpose of this report is to seek direction from the Community and Leisure Committee on which of the following community funding requests are to be prioritised for consideration under the Social Initiatives Fund for the 2003/04 year.

#### BACKGROUND

The Social Initiatives Fund has a maximum of \$125,000 in new monies available for allocation in the 2003/04 year. This is the final year of a three year term where the Council allocated a further \$125,000 for the 2001/02, 2002/03 and 2003/04 years. This total of \$375,000 was to bring the Social Initiatives Fund pool back to a total of \$1.1 million dollars following the transfer of the Fund's employment support monies to the Canterbury Development Corporation. The projects below total \$413,000.

In November 2000 the then Community Services Committee agreed to the following set of priorities and criteria for the next three year cycle (ending 30 June 2004) for the Social Initiatives Fund:

#### Priorities

- *Reduce disparity*  
Projects, which address the differences in outcomes between people.
- *Multi disadvantage*  
Projects which 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 which aim to prevent negative outcomes, rather than address the symptoms of problems once they have developed.
- *Early intervention*  
Projects which 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 a Council project or Council run)*
- *Legislation compliance and good practice standards (as appropriate)*
- *Potential for or actual leverage of other support*

At its 7 April 2003 meeting, in light of the recommendations being proposed by the Council's Community Funding Review, the current work in preparing the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan and the influence this will have on the allocation of community funding, the Community and Leisure Committee agreed to the following:

- Extending the Fund's current priorities and criteria one further year to 30 June 2005.
- Extending the Fund's current agreements one further year so that all agreements expire at 30 June 2005.
- Any new agreements approved in the 2003/04 year will be for a two year period ending 30 June 2005.
- Staff will provide a report that will contain short briefs on all funding requests for the Committee to prioritise/select those requests that it wishes to fully consider for funding decisions at its 11 August 2003 meeting.

## PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR 2003/04 SOCIAL INITIATIVES FUNDING CONSIDERATION

These proposals have been received either directly from community groups following community funding advice and information by Council staff; through recommendations/referrals from other Council funding streams including the Metropolitan Community Discretionary Fund, the Community Development Scheme and the Annual Financial Plan submission process; and recommendations/referrals from community boards and/or community advocacy teams. Those proposals marked with an \* have also been forwarded as a community submission to the Council's 2003/04 draft Annual Financial Plan.

### Rowley Community Development Project (\$48,000)

To support the salary costs of the Rowley Resource Centre's Community Development Worker (\$18,000) and the Hoon Hay Youth Centre's Maori Youth Development Worker (\$30,000). Both Centres engaged in the Council's 2002 Hoon Hay Needs Analysis Review. The Review's community needs identified, solutions suggested and final recommendations have given the two Centres strong recognition for their present community work as well as clear directions for future development. Both the Resource Centre and the Youth Centre are presently located in the McCarthy Street Rowley shopping centre complex.

The Resource Centre was established in 1993 and currently provides Monday to Friday call-in hours for social support, meeting neighbours, information sharing, community news, advocacy, networking and referrals; Centre staff liaison/visiting with other social service agencies, community groups and government agencies present/working in the neighbourhood; community group courses in sewing, exercise, cooking, reading and communication; community social and recreational outings; community services including clothing, fruit and vegetables, teas and coffee times, photocopier, telephone and fax, children's room, daily newspaper, centre co-ordinator and community worker positions.

The Youth Centre was established in 1993 and currently provides seven days per week "supervised" call in hours; Centre based social, sport and recreational activities and equipment; school holiday programmes and camps; youth worker positions; a community learning centre facility that provides educational opportunities in homework support and supervised correspondence school hours, drivers license preparation, computer skills development, individual and group mentoring, leadership training, personal development workshops, job seeking support and work placements. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board currently funds the rental costs for both Centres.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards – <i>new Committee formed with new committee management structures, practises and standards</i>	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	✓
		Early Intervention	✓
		Integrated Approach	✓

### Te Whare Roimata Trust – Linwood Community Arts Centre Trust (\$5,000)

The Trust seeks an increase of \$5,000 on its current Social Initiatives Fund grant of \$35,000. The request is to meet the increase in the salary costs of the two Community Art Worker salaries due to the extension of their weekly part-time hours. The Centre opened in 1997 in the former Linwood Library building and works primarily with low-income people from the eastern inner city neighbourhoods to gain access to and participate in a broad range of cultural and artistic activities. The Arts Workers have worked closely with surrounding neighbourhoods to establish a range of activities and responses including a varied programme of classes for children and adults, regular holiday programmes for school aged children, gallery space for individuals and groups to exhibit, a photography darkroom and a hall space for theatre/music productions and performances. The Arts Centre has also become a community centre in the wider sense as a call-in place for local people to meet and socialise, community notice boards and information, rooms for community and public meetings, sharing of local stories and issues. 2002 year report shows 30 local people involved in designing and constructing a community mosaic mural for the Doris Lusk reserve; the hosting of the annual Maori Art Exhibition that involved 12 local Maori artists; 22 exhibitions were held featuring approx 40 adult and 35 children artists; hosting the annual Multi-Cultural festival that included food stalls, information stalls, performances, hangi, and an art exhibition that included a joint exhibition by

four local schools; formation of a monthly meeting Photography Club that evolved from an idea suggested by beginner photographers using the community darkroom; 10 Community Arts Workshops involving singing, song writing, choral music, weaving, dancing, painting, drumming and furniture restoration; eight weekly Community Arts Classes involving paper mache, dance, photography, drama, and drawing; over "registered" school holiday programmes (four) in music and drama; 12 first time artists participated in the First Steps exhibition; seven new volunteers from the local community engaged for Centre open hours duties; seven music concerts were held.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	
		Early Intervention	
		Integrated Approach	✓

### **Delta Community Support Trust (\$25,000)**

To support the annual operating costs of the Trust's Live to The Max programme. The Trust was established by the North Avon Baptist Church in 1995 to manage and further develop the various community outreach and social service programmes undertaken by the church from its North Avon Road base since 1985.

The community work of the Church and the Trust carried forward/developed further the social service work of the former Richmond Mission that had begun in 1911. In conjunction with other church and community based social service agencies, the Trust runs a city-wide positive life skill development/empowerment course known as Live to the Max (LTM). Six to eight, 5 month LTM courses are run each year with up to 10 people on each course. The first month is spent working individually with a facilitator and the following four months in a facilitated small group (5 people). The individual and the group work towards improving healthy living, self esteem, employment, finances, relationships, spirituality and parenting. LTM established in 1998. 2002 year courses were run with local community groups and churches in Richmond, Shirley, St Albans, New Brighton, central city, Riccarton, Aranui and Beckenham.

The Trust also provides a wide range of community development and social services within its main community outreach area of Richmond, Shirley, Dallington, St Albans and Avonside. This work includes a community food bank, two community vans, budget advice, monthly community fellowship groups, volunteers befriending people socially isolated by intellectual disabilities, monthly Delta Inn community meal, community advocacy and professional counselling. 2002 year community service database of 1624 clients. Shirley/Papanui Community Board currently funding a Community Worker salary. The Trust was unsuccessful with its overall Service's (including this project) submission to the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee for inclusion in the 2003/04 draft Annual Financial Plan.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	
		Early Intervention	
		Integrated Approach	✓

### **Maori Disabilities and Resource Centre (\$50,000)**

This proposal has been lodged by He Oranga Pounamu on behalf of the MDRC for the salary costs of their social work and counselling services. He Oranga Pounamu is a Maori community development organisation that is mandated by Te Runanga O Ngai Tahu and the Ngai Tahu Development Corporation to assist in the development of health and social delivery to Maori. The MDRC was established in 1994 and is now located in Annex Road Hillmorton providing a wide range of social services to Maori including information, advice, advocacy, health education, Monday to Friday. Centre open hours, home and hospital visits, budgetary advice, emergency support (transport, childcare, meals, household furnishings), counselling and social work hours with the individual and whanau, a 24 hour Crisis Team, learning in Taha Maori and Te Tiriti o Waitangi, provision of training and skill development modules that improves communication and co-ordination. The Centre, in the main, is working within the health sectors of the hard of hearing/profoundly deaf, diabetes, asthma, epilepsy and impaired vision/blind. The services are especially targeted to Maori specifically but are

available to anyone who chooses those services to be appropriate to them. The Centre has Ministry of Health contracts to provide general education and information services across the disability sector and specific services to the individual visually or hearing impaired. These contracts do not cover the full costs of the holistic social work and counselling services being provided by the Centre across all its services and to the individual's whanau. Three monthly Ministry of Health report for the period ending 31 March 2003 shows 223 visually or hearing impaired clients receiving services, 248 hui held providing information about the Centre's services, 360 people accessed/referred to the Centre, 108 lifestyle plans developed.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status – <i>to be confirmed</i>		Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	✓
		Early Intervention	✓
		Integrated Approach	✓

### Community Development Network Trust (\$25,000)

To support the salary cost of one of the Trust's youth worker positions who works directly with young people and their families. The Trust was formed in 1996 out of the youth and community work that individual members from Riccarton based churches had been undertaking since 1988. This city-wide youth worker position works with teenagers though has a particular focus with "at risk" teenage boys that aims to provide early intervention opportunities with the boys and their family/whanau. First contact is usually made from the boy's attendance on a Trust programme. The Trust provides city-wide five day school holiday camps; weekly youth clubs for intermediate aged young people; weekend camps for teenagers; family fun days; weekly support groups for women; individual social work for young people and their families. 2002 annual report shows 922 children and youth participated in the camps and clubs, 78 youth and families joined in the family fun days, 32 women involved in the support groups, 300 homes visited, specific social work with 32 families, 53 volunteers contributing an estimated 8002 hours. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board is currently funding the Trust for the Hornby Youth Worker Project and Hornby Youth Programmes.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	✓
		Early Intervention	✓
		Integrated Approach	✓

### Te Whanau Puawai Ora Trust (\$20,000)

To support the Trust's annual management and operational overhead costs. The Trust was formed in 1998 to present to school-aged rangatahi, contemporary youth issues and solutions through the medium of participatory live drama/theatre and music. 2002 year productions have covered youth social issues such as unemployment/employment, mental health, living as a bi-cultural community and nation, cultural awareness and development, suicide awareness and prevention, healthy lifestyles, education opportunities, performing arts. 2003 year production My Taniwha explores current youth issues of bullying and violence, drug and alcohol abuse, peer pressure and cultural displacement. The Trust also produces educational resource kits (video and paper editions) that are distributed through schools, youth organisations and community resource centres; hosting of concerts and community events; recording and production work for CDs and music videos involving local musicians; the running of workshops for unemployed youth that covers drama and dance, music and voice development, kapa haka, tikanga and te reo Maori and personal development; cultural performances at community and civic events. Each year approx 30,000 rangatahi participate nationally in Te Whanau Puawai Ora productions. During the 2002-year the Trust's projects provided over 100 employment opportunities for young people. The Trust has been successful in securing grants and contracts for specific project costs but such funding levels do not meet the "true/full" annual expenditure when including overhead staffing, project development and evaluation and office administration costs.

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Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	✓
		Early Intervention	✓
		Integrated Approach	✓

### **Family and Community Division of Anglican Care – Sydenham Community Development Project (\$35,000)**

To support the salary and overhead employment costs of the Sydenham Project's Community Development Worker. The Project, established in 2002, is a joint initiative between Salvation Army Sydenham and Anglican Care's Family and Community Division. Based at a Salvation Army owned house, the two agencies are developing a number of individual and family social support services and locally based community development projects around the needs and recommendations of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's 2000 Sydenham Needs Analysis and 2001 Spreydon-Heathcote Employment Needs Research. Current services include the employment of a community development worker and a family services worker; Monday to Friday call in hours; individual and family emergency response support; community groups including the Craft Group, the Men's Forum, the Community Cuppa, the Creative Writing Group, a Cooking Course, Mothers and Babies with Music Group, Mothers Emotional Wellness Course, the House Core Group of local residents where local issues are raised and discussed; referral to the Salvation Army's budgeting, counselling, advocacy, foodbank and clothing services. The Social Initiatives Fund is currently funding the Division's projects in Linwood and Hei Hei/Broomfield. The Burwood/Pegasus, Hagley/Ferrymead, Spreydon/Heathcote, Riccarton/Wigram and Shirley/Papanui Community Boards contribute also to the jointly initiated community projects (with the Division, local community groups, local churches and Council Community Boards) in Dallington, North New Brighton, Aranui, Linwood, Waltham, Addington, Sydenham (this project), Hornby, Hei Hei/Broomfield and Shirley. From its Gloucester Street Linwood house the Division provides overall project management, project development advice and support with the partner agencies, supervision and training opportunities with the community development workers, administration and financial management support, library resources, availability of University of Canterbury social work students for community work placements and research projects for these community development projects. The Division has a \$15,000 annual community grant recommendation for the Gloucester Street House's project resource support and co-ordination work in the 2003/04 Council's Annual Financial Plan.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	
		Early Intervention	
		Integrated Approach	✓

### **Te Ture Manaaki O Rehua - Maori Legal Services (\$20,000)**

To support the annual operating costs of MLS's Training and Community Development Project. The Project was initiated by MLS in 2001 as a response to community groups seeking skill development opportunities for its members around governance issues. The Project delivers 1, 2 and 3 day skill development workshops to group and management committees of community groups. Workshops include financial management, project development and management, planning and evaluation, legal structures and their roles and responsibilities, employment responsibilities, health and safety, conflict management, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, funding and sponsorship. 15 workshops were held in 2002 with 116 participants from 45 different community organisations.

MLS was unsuccessful with its submission to the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee for inclusion in the 2003/04 draft Annual Financial Plan.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	✓
		Early Intervention	✓
		Integrated Approach	✓

### Youth For Christ (\$40,000)

To support the salary costs of YFC's Youth Forever Club and Rock Solid co-ordinators.

The *Youth Forever Club* is based at the Windermere Centre in Papanui and works with Arabic, African and Greek youth and their families. Services include:

- recreational programmes; craft group, sports coaching and tournaments, social club nights, holiday programmes, outings and camps.
- educational opportunities; liaison with schools and parents, homework tutoring, social club nights, parent and teacher seminars, individual mentoring.
- pre-employment courses in CV development, interview skills, communication skills etc.
- resettlement support; assistance with emergency accommodation, advocacy with government and community agencies. The Club is currently working with 100 Arab families and 50 African families.

The *Rock Solid Club* co-works with local community and youth agencies to provide a number of programmes for year 7, 8 and 9 young people that include in school hours recreational and social events and an early intervention life skills course; parent nights; weekly social, education and recreation club nights; small group support; once a term large events (concerts, camps etc). Clubs are currently operating in Shirley with the Shirley Community Trust involving the Shirley Intermediate School; Avonhead with the Avonhead Baptist Church involving Merrin, Avonhead, Russley and Middleton Grange schools; New Brighton with the Youth Alive Trust involving South Brighton, North New Brighton and New Brighton Central schools; Papanui with the Papanui Baptist Church involving Casebrook Intermediate; Breakaway events including 40 hour Famine, Yone school assembly performances, BIG 3 inter club competitions. 2002 year report shows that 3875 young people participate in the weekly activities, 135 in the Club Nights and 3740 at the Breakaway events, 36 volunteer leaders.

YFC also runs a number of other youth development and support programmes/services with intermediate schools and community based youth groups; the co-hosting of youth events with churches and high schools; community wide art events involving theatre, music and dance; Asian youth and family support in partnership with the Burnside Elim Community Church; annual camps; involvement with the Youth Night Safety Centre. Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui community boards fund into local projects being run by YFC. YFC was unsuccessful with its submission to the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee for inclusion in the 2003/04 draft Annual Financial Plan.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	✓
		Early Intervention	✓
		Integrated Approach	✓

### Molten Media Community Trust – Computers in the Community Project (\$20,000)

To support the annual operational costs of the Trust's Computers in the Community project. This is a joint project between the Trust, the Canterbury Development Corporation and the Christchurch City Council. Project outcomes include that people and groups in the most disadvantaged sectors of the community will have access to computer technology and the internet and to create equitable access to the knowledge economy for the people of Christchurch. The Trust upgrades donated computers and then makes them available for "tender" for individuals and groups/organisations. Successful recipients are asked to make a donation. There is no mandatory charge. The project aims to provide 100 computers per year. 46 computers allocated to community organisations during 2002. The project enables community groups to have up-to-date systems for their own in-house/administration work and for community-wide access through cyber café and community house computer hours; the setting up of community based training in computer courses and community net groups; creates new employment, work experience and training opportunities for people referred by Workbridge and WINZ to the Trust; and provides the business community with opportunities to participate in social service and community development at a neighbourhood level. Such businesses have included HP Hewlett Packard, Microsoft NZ, Telecom NZ, Montgomery Watson, NZ Fire Service, Futronics, Visual Tech, ECO Computer Services and the InterCity Group. This project is part of the Trust's overall work with recycling computers where donated computers are assessed for resale, modified/repaired for resale, stripped so as the parts are readied for re-use or re-sale and then finally stripped for recycling. Annually the Trust recycles between sixty and eighty tonnes away from the city's transfer stations and landfill. In recognition of such recycling work the Trust received the 2002 Landcare Research Special Award for Sustainable Management of Land Resources.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative		Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	
		Early Intervention	
		Integrated Approach	✓

### Canterbury Depression Support Trust (\$20,000)

The Trust is seeking an increase on its current Social Initiatives Fund agreement of \$20,000 so as to fully extend its Depression Support Network Service into the eastern suburbs of Christchurch. The Service is led, managed and developed by people whose lives have been affected by depression. Based at the Mental Health Education and Resource Centre the Service's community work includes seven depression support groups meeting weekly (five adult, two young people and one for friends and family), four weekly depression community awareness education courses (for young people, parents, adults and neighbours) that are run at city wide locations with local community groups (currently Hillmorton, central city and Hornby), eight week education and development courses for members, monthly topic evenings, individual support professionals, MHERC library services.

During the past 12 months the Service has supported 190 people through, individual, group and education services; provided support services for family/whanau members; spoke with 678 people about the work of the Service and provided education sessions to 60 social work staff and students; expanded the young people's support capacity from 20 to 40 and set up a new Parent's Support Group; secured a new youth contract with the CDHB and signed a formal working relationship (MoU) with Youth Speciality Services; established co-presenting workshops with Maori social service providers when working with Maori and their whanau; increased people support capacity from 60 to 120.

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Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	
		Early Intervention	
		Integrated Approach	✓

**\*Youth and Cultural Development Society (\$20,000)**

To support the annual operating and programme delivery costs of the Society's YCD Centre. YCD services include Monday to Friday drop-in hours at the Youth Centre with supervised activities; 20 week life skills course; 20 week specialist course for youth offenders; Youth Court directed supervision with activity programme; Community Service supervision hours; mentor service with Pacific Peoples youth; specific case management youth clients. The Youth Centre is also used by other youth and community agencies and visiting theatre and dance groups. Services of the Youth Centre are also accessed by/referred to/networked by the community and youth work agency members of the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective. January to November 2002 Youth Centre statistics show 7700 males and 3685 females accessed the services of the Society and the Youth Centre. 31% were Pacific Peoples, 48% Maori and 19% Pakeha. During 2002 the Society and the work of the Youth Centre were evaluated and reviewed by Child Youth and Family, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and the Christchurch City Council and received highly satisfactory reports and recommendations. A recognition of the Society's work can be seen in the recent appointment by the Minister of Justice Phil Goff of the Centre's Manager to the National Independent Advisory Group. This Group reports directly to the Minister and meets quarterly with CY&F, Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Corrections Department. The Society is relocating the Centre to a Bedford Row site that has a greater floor space and will enable the Society to deliver its current services much more appropriately, expand into new services and offer accommodation space to other youth agencies. The Society currently receives a Council annual grant of \$50,000 for the YCD Centre's rental and lease operational costs.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	✓
		Early Intervention	✓
		Integrated Approach	✓

**Ka Wahini Ki Otautahi Trust (\$20,000)**

To support the annual operating costs of the Trust's social service work. The Trust was established in 1991 and provides women coming out of prison with safe accommodation; networking opportunities with other social service agencies and programmes/courses; individualised residential and personal development programmes, self care and education development programmes as a way of reintegrating the women back into the community and to reduce the potential for re-offending. 2002 annual report shows 10 women were accommodated during the year and residential programmes covered parenting, healing, addictions, anger management, cooking, household management, budgeting, crafts and community living. The Hereford Street Linwood house was purchased by the Council and is leased backed to the Trust at a subsidised rental. The Trust was unsuccessful with its submission for this project to the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee for inclusion in the 2003/04 draft Annual Financial Plan.

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Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	
		Early Intervention	
		Integrated Approach	✓

**Christchurch City Mission – Crisis and Advocacy Team (\$25,000)**

To support the Team's annual operating costs. The Crisis and Advocacy Team is based at the Mission's Hereford Street emergency needs and shelter facility and is made up of the Intake Social Worker, Budget Services Worker and the Foodbank Co-Ordinator. The Team was established in June 2002 to respond to the immediate needs of people presenting at the City Mission. Services include advocacy; social work intervention and referrals to appropriate community resources; food, clothing and household item emergencies; banking and budgetary support and money management advocacy. In the five month period to 31 December 2002, 223 people presented to the Intake Social Worker of which 67 were new clients. For the year ending December 2002 the Foodbank Service saw 6844 clients (1206 new); the Budget Service had 350 clients (19 new). The Mission currently receives a \$40,000 annual grant through the Council's Annual Financial Plan for their women's support



services based at Walsh House. The Mission was unsuccessful with its submission for this project to the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee for inclusion in the 2003/04 draft Annual Financial Plan.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	
		Early Intervention	
		Integrated Approach	✓

**\*Canterbury Youth Workers Collective (\$20,000)**

To support the Collective's Administrator salary and office rental costs. The Collective currently has 340 members (290 individuals and 50 organisations) and its services include the employment of a full-time Co-Ordinator and an Office Administrator; a monthly Youth Work Network Forum that is held at/hosted by different youth agencies throughout the city; the monthly newsletter In Touch; the annual Youth Work Directory; youth worker support at local community and city-wide major events; Co-Ordinator advice, support and mentoring work with youth workers and their agencies/projects; membership on national and international youth committees and events; provision of youth worker training workshops; operational manuals and protocols/standards for youth workers and their agency committee's and projects; liaison and meeting time with community and business organisations; representation on national child, youth and family committees; attendance at city-wide youth and community meetings/forums/workshops; submissions on government legislation and policy papers and attendance at select committees. The Collective currently receives a Council annual grant of \$39,000 for the Co-Ordinator's salary that is administered through a budget line entry with Youth Advocacy of the Community Relations Unit.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	
		Early Intervention	
		Integrated Approach	✓

**Solo Women As Parents (\$20,000)**

To support the Family Support Worker's salary cost. SWAP operates a community centre from a Springfield Road house and provides a monthly newsletter (140 copies), information resource centre, free counselling, library, sewing facilities, recycled clothing, guest speakers and information sessions, netball team, craft groups, computer and internet facilities, one on one crisis support, personal and skill development courses/workshops (health, parenting, home gardening, using a computer, employment and training, diet and nutrition), community worker hours, annual holiday camp and monthly recreational outings, Monday yoga sessions, Wednesday lunch and social/networking/peer support time, Thursday night tea and social/networking/peer support time, Friday drop-in centre hours. Currently 120 families are members of SWAP though non-members "call in " and have access to the Centre's services. During 2002, as a response to the increase demand for its services, SWAP employed a Family Support Worker and extended its open hours as a second position alongside the Community Worker. SWAP currently receives a Council annual grant of \$10,000 through the Annual Financial Plan and was unsuccessful in its request to the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee for an increase in their annual grant cover this second salary cost.

Criteria		Priorities	
Not for profit status	✓	Reduce Disparities	✓
Community Initiative	✓	Multi Disadvantage	✓
Good Practice Standards	✓	Increase Opportunities for Participation	✓
Leverage Other Support	✓	Prevention	
		Early Intervention	
		Integrated Approach	✓

## **DECISION MAKING PROCESS**

The above proposals have been listed in a recommended priority order that has been based on staff interpretation and understanding of the Social Initiatives Fund's criteria and priorities, the outcomes and priorities of Council's Social Wellbeing Policy, the goals and principles of the Council's Community Policy, the applicant organisation's ability to manage and successfully deliver community and social services and the availability of other community funds through the Council that could be or are currently being allocated to the project or organisation.

Depending on the time needed to meet with the applicant organisations and gather any further information, the proposals identified/selected by the Committee will be reported back to either the Committee's 11 August or 8 September 2003 meetings for funding consideration. Alternatively the Committee may take the view that sufficient information has already been gathered and therefore is confident that it can make those funding approval decisions at this 7 July 2003 meeting.

A further funding option the Committee may wish to consider is to allocate grants from the Metropolitan Community Discretionary Fund for those proposals that are viewed outside the Social Initiatives Fund's criteria and/or are a lower priority for Social Initiatives funding. Present criteria for the MCDF is that the project is a metropolitan/city-wide service and that it is either a new project or the project/organisation has a shortfall in its current budget that will put the project in significant financial difficulty and place the viability of the service at risk.

### **Staff**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the Committee, through the Social Initiatives Fund, either:
    - (i) approve funding to those projects it wishes to support as per this staff report; or
    - (ii) select/prioritise those proposals for staff to provide appropriate community reports for funding decisions at the Committee's 11 August or 8 September 2003 meeting.
  3. That the Committee allocate Metropolitan Community Discretionary Fund grants to those proposals the Committee wishes to support but have a lower priority for Social Initiatives funding.

### **Chairman's**

- Recommendation:** For discussion.