

3. ALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDS 2003/04

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The purpose of this report is to provide information on the schedule of projects and breakdown of Project Funds.

ATTACHMENTS

The following documents are attached:

Schedule of Projects for consideration.
Discretionary Funds Balance

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 was given to each Board specifically to support existing community workers employed by not for profit organisations or for the employment of new positions in either Board funded or other organisations. It was indicated at that time that the additional funding would allow Boards to fund such positions for up to three years, thereby giving the positions security for that period and the opportunity to develop the project. This funding needs to be allocated at this time.

The Council has again also allocated each Board area \$40,000 for Strengthening Communities. The Board can allocate this during the year.

PREPARATION OF SCHEDULES

The Schedule has been prepared to provide a brief overview of each project. Additional supporting information, where necessary is provided in attached reports.

Many of these projects were included in the schedule of Project Proposals submitted by the Board in September to the various Business Units. At that time the Board prioritised and ranked the priority one projects. Those priority one projects that have been costed but not picked up by the Business Units have been included again in the schedule.

FUNDING BREAKDOWN

The Board has delegated authority to allocate all of its Project Funds. Set out below is a breakdown of specified funds and their criteria.

PROJECT FUNDS 2003/2004 **\$390,000**

Strengthening Communities (SCAP) - Can all be allocated at this time or progressively throughout the year to projects which meet the Strengthening Communities guidelines. **\$40,000**

Support/Employment of Community Workers - Additional funding from Council and must be allocated at this time. The summary schedule tabled shows projects that could be allocated from this fund. **\$40,000**

Discretionary Fund - Up to \$60,000 can be withheld for allocation throughout the year to any project as decided by the Board. Suggest **\$50,000**

SUBMISSION TO ANNUAL PLAN

The large items which cannot realistically be funded by the Board could become part of a submission to the Annual Plan.

Staff

Recommendation: The Board consider the projects and allocate the \$390,000

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That projects identified in allocating the \$390,000 funds be approved.