

11. REPORT ON GRANTS ALLOCATED FROM 1 JANUARY-30 NOVEMBER 2003

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The purpose of this report is to update the Community and Leisure Committee on the grants that have been made during the 1 January–30 November 2003 period from the Metropolitan Community Discretionary Fund (MCDF) and the Strengthening Community Action Plan funding (SCAP).

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY DISCRETIONARY FUND

The purpose of the MCDF is to assist metropolitan (city wide) community groups:

- through emergency financial situations, usually to prevent service closure or reduction
- establish new initiatives if it is not possible for groups to apply to other CCC funding sources due to timing.

To be eligible, groups or projects should be working towards the priorities and objectives of the CCC's Community, Social Wellbeing, Children's and Youth Policies, as appropriate. Applications are referred to the Community and Leisure Committee for a decision if the request relates to a new initiative or that the amount being requested is greater than \$20,000. Decisions on all other applications are made under delegated authority by the Community Relations Manager.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

The purpose of the SCAP Fund is to assist metropolitan (city-wide) community groups that:

- seek to improve relationships in the metropolitan community sector and which develop a co-ordinated response to a metropolitan issue
- seek to strengthen communities through projects run by local organisations.

Decisions on all applications are made under delegated authority by the Community Relations Manager.

Unless stated all grants listed below were recommended for funding by a community funding group made up of staff under the delegated authority of the Community Relations Unit Manager.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY DISCRETIONARY FUND

Tenants Protection Association **\$15,000**
(Recommended for funding by the Housing Subcommittee following TPA's deputation at its 20 March 2003 meeting).

Contribution to a shortfall in the Association's March to May 2003 operating costs. During the previous 12 months TPA responded to over 6000 enquiries, supported 50 tenants at mediations, delivered 27 workshops at schools and training courses.

Home Made Partnerships Trust **\$15,000**
Contribution to a shortfall in the Trust's Supergrans Services for the April to July 2003 operating costs. Supergrans is based at the Trust's Hampshire Street Aranui Learning Centre and services include one-on-one home-based support and a wide range of individual and family support/development workshops and courses. Three hundred and fifty client families engaged with Supergrans during the December 2002 year.

Early Childhood Resource Centre Society – Creative Junk **\$5,000**
Contribution to a shortfall in the Centre's March to July 2003 operating costs. The Centre provides affordable recycled materials for early childhood centres. At March 2003 the Centre's members/users stood at 64 kindergartens, 140 community groups and 52 individuals/families.

Impact World Tour **\$15,000**
(Approved by 5 May 2003 Community and Leisure Committee meeting following a deputation by IWT to both the Committee and the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee).
IWT, in conjunction with Christchurch and Canterbury youth agencies, is hosting a series of social, cultural education and recreational events throughout the city in early 2004 that will culminate in a four day multimedia performance at the Westpac centre in March.

Attitude Youth Programme **\$10,000**

Contribution to a shortfall in the programme's 2002/03 annual operating costs. *Attitude* is the youth division of the Parenting with Confidence organisation and provides a healthy lifestyle education programmes to secondary school aged youth. In the four months to 30 May 2003 *Attitude* had made 72 presentations to schools/community organisations involving over 5000 youth.

Positive Directions Trust **\$2,500**

Contribution to a shortfall in the Trust's 31 December 2003 year's operational costs for its Te Mana Mahi child and youth development programme. In response to community demands the Trust was establishing three new programmes in the second part of the year. Te Mana Mahi provides a two level child and youth development programme in literacy and numeracy skill development. 91 children and nine youth participated in the programme during 2002.

University of Canterbury Students Association **\$5,000**

Contribution to the shortfall in the Association's upgrade and development of its RDU98.5FM radio transmission coverage. The station provides an important broadcast outlet for alternative music, views and information in Christchurch. 50% of its airtime is NZ music of which 20% is produced in Christchurch. Sixty volunteers and contributors are involved each year providing valuable educational and work experience opportunities in script writing, journalism, advertising, broadcasting, business management, project development and DJing. RDU supports and runs many local arts and community events/activities.

Youth For Christ **\$20,000**

(Referred for Metropolitan Community Discretionary Fund allocation by the 7 July 2003 Community and Leisure Committee meeting from its 2003/04 Social Initiatives Fund submissions).

Contribution to the shortfall in the annual salary costs of YFC's Youth Forever Club's Co-ordinator. The Youth Forever Club provides a number of educational, recreational and social support services Arabic, African and Greek youth and their families. The Club is currently working with 100 Arab families and 50 African families

Te Whanau Puawai Trust **\$10,000**

(Referred for Metropolitan Community Discretionary Fund allocation by the 7 July 2003 Community and Leisure Committee meeting from its 2003/04 Social Initiatives Fund submissions).

Contribution to the shortfall in the Trust's annual management and operational 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. Each year approximately 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.

Te Ture Manaaki O Rehua - Maori Legal Services **\$10,000**

(Referred for Metropolitan Community Discretionary Fund allocation by the 7 July 2003 Community and Leisure Committee meeting from its 2003/04 Social Initiatives Fund submissions).

Contribution to the shortfall in MLS's annual operating costs for its Training and Community Development project. The Project delivers 1, 2 and 3 day skill development workshops to group and management committees of community groups. Fifteen workshops were held in 2002 with 116 participants from 45 different community organisations.

Ka Wahini Ki Otautahi Trust **\$5,000**

(Referred for Metropolitan Community Discretionary Fund allocation by the 7 July 2003 Community and Leisure Committee meeting from its 2003/04 Social Initiatives Fund submissions).

Contribution to the shortfall in the Trust's annual operating costs. The Trust 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. 2002 annual report shows 10 women were accommodated during the year.

Christchurch City Mission **\$10,000**

(Referred for Metropolitan Community Discretionary Fund allocation by the 7 July 2003 Community and Leisure Committee meeting from its 2003/04 Social Initiatives Fund submissions).

Contribution to the shortfall in the Mission's Crisis and Advocacy 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. For the year ending December 2002 the Food Bank engaged with 6,844 clients, the Budget Service 350 clients and the Intake Social Worker engaged with 223 clients.

Familial Trust **\$10,000**

Contribution to the shortfall in the annual operating costs of the Trust's social service work with the families who have a family member with compulsive gambling, alcohol and drug addictions. The Trust is based at Familial House in Wilsons Road (the former Centaurus Medical Centre) and provides a "place of safety" and from which appropriate support and education programmes/services can be developed for the families. 12 month statistics to 31 March 2003 show nearly 4,000 direct incoming inquiries, 12 outpatient family member programmes undertaken and just over 800 people engaged in appointments, counselling, workshops, support groups and programmes.

0800 Hungry Ministries Trust **\$10,000**

Contribution to the shortfall in the Trust's August to November 2003 operating costs. In the 19 months to July 2003 the Trust has allocated 18,508 food parcels (34,746 adults and 37,068 children) involving 65 churches and 63 community organisations. Distribution of the food parcels (now includes a significant range of household groceries, bathroom/laundry/kitchen etc essentials, household equipment and furnishings) are to a "requesting" church/community organisation who then deliver the parcel to the individual and/or family as part of that church's/organisation's overall social support service with that individual/family.

New Harvest Trust **\$5,000**

Contribution to the shortfall in the Trust's August to November 2003 operating costs. Based in Lincoln Road, Addington the Trust's community house provides a wide range of community support and social services to low income individuals and families that include a Monday to Friday call-in social time hours, information and advocacy, computer and internet facilities, second hand clothing, firewood distribution, craft opportunities, an out of school youth programme, well-living workshops and speakers, work contracts that develop skills in gardening/nursery and furniture making.

The Green Effect Trust **\$10,000**

Contribution to the shortfall in the annual operating costs of the Trust's Trees For Canterbury Project. Shortfall due to the higher than projected relocation costs of the Project from its former Opawa Road site to its new site in Charlesworth Street. Over the past five years TFC has planted/donated over 200,000 plants and engaged with a wide range of community projects involving schools, environment and conservation organisations, social service and community development groups, churches, land owners, businesses, local authorities and regional councils. During this time TFC has attained a 90% self-funding level.

Refugee Resettlement Support **\$10,000**

Contribution to the shortfall in the annual operating costs of RRS's Social Work Service due to a major cutback in welfare services grants from the Lottery Grants Board. During 2003 RRS had 187 people accessing this social work service.

Te Ara o Taka Wairua Ora Productions Trust **\$10,000**

Contribution to the shortfall for the Trust to complete its pilot Creative Arts Workshop programme. The pilot is using poetry, short story writing and publishing as an educational and developmental programme to assist the recovery to good health of those people living with mental health situations. Eight people completed the stage one "beginners" workshop with all eight wishing to participate in the "advanced" section of the workshops/programmes. Overall, 12 people (youth through to 50 years of age) participated in the eight week, two days per week beginners' workshops of the programme.

Safer Christchurch Community Council **\$10,000**

Contribution to the shortfall in the first year's operational costs of the re-established Young Persons at Risk Programme/Street Work Project that Safer Christchurch is co-managing with 198 Youth Health, the YCD Youth Centre and the NZ Prostitutes Collective. The project workers offer street outreach support work to the young people and a case management service with the individual young person.

The redevelopment of this street work is based on the August 2003 findings and recommendations of an evaluation of the earlier 1997/2002 street worker project .

Solo Women As Parents **\$1,000**

Contribution to the shortfall in the costs of installing two new child safe-gates at their St Albans property. The Centre is open 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday. SWAP currently has a membership of 120 families though "non-members" call in and have access to the Centre's services. During some hours there can be up to 15 children present at the Centre.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN FUND

- Network Waitangi Otautahi** **\$1,000**
Contribution to the production and printing costs of 3,500 Tiriti O Waitangi posters that are part of the Network's training and education programmes/workshops. Forty-eight programmes/workshops were run during 2002.
- Rewi Alley Chinese Cultural Centre Trust** **\$10,000**
Contribution to the annual salary costs of the Centre's Administrator. The Centre provides a wide range of community education, community information and social support services. In the six-month period to November 2002 the Centre had 519 client contacts seeking information and service
- Deaf Society of Canterbury** **\$1,000**
Contribution to the hosting costs of the Deaf Women Group's 40 year anniversary celebrations during the weekend of 4/6 April 2003.
- Christchurch Chinese Church Working Adult Group** **\$1,000**
Contribution to the establishment costs of the Group's weekly Plains FM radio programme.
- Christchurch-Fiji Cultural Education Social and Sports Association** **\$5,000**
Contribution to the hosting costs of the Association's November 2003 multicultural Diwali Festival of Light at Nga Hau E Wha Marae. Over 700 people attended the 2002 Festival at the Aurora Centre.
- Bangladeshi Association of Canterbury** **\$381**
Contribution to the annual operating costs of the Association's Bengali language, music and dance classes for children and the hosting of Bengalese festivals and events.
- Canterbury Somali Community Association** **\$2,000**
Contribution to the annual operating costs of the Association's first language and cultural education programme for Somali children.
- St Albans Residents Association** **\$4,000**
Contribution to the overall costs of designing and producing a Community Newspaper Toolkit. SARA has been approached on numerous occasions by resident associations/community groups for assistance to develop community newspapers similar to the St Albans Neighbourhood News (STANN). The Toolbox will incorporate topics such as a background and philosophy of STANN, how to involve the community, networking, legalities, advertising, promotion, commitment, budgets and costs, what has worked and hasn't worked etc. The Toolbox will be produced in booklet, video and CD.
- Tafesilafa'i Samoan Community Pre-School** **\$15,000**
Contribution to the relocation and construction costs of the Pre-School's new facility on the school grounds of Cathedral College. Relocation is due to be completed for the 2004 education year. Total cost of this new facility is estimated at \$253,200 with funds having been raised through a Ministry of Education/ECDU building grant (allocated in 2001), fundraising by the Samoan community and "gifted" land and premises and professional skills by the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.
- W.E.L. Trust** **\$5,000**
Contribution to the Trust' setting up costs in Community House and first six months of operating expenditure. The Trust was formed in March 2003 to further develop the community work and social services undertaken by the support group MAMI (Mothers and Mental Illness). The development of MAMI and the W.E.L. Trust has been a joint project involving MAMI Group mothers and workers from MHERC, Methodist Mission and Richmond Fellowship.
- Uniting Cultures Youth Club** **\$800**
Contribution to the Club's hosting of a multicultural festival to celebrate India's Independence Day. Around 300 people attended the Festival on 30 August at the Avonside Girls' High School's Community Hall. Twenty-two performances involving 35 different ethnic groups evolved this Indian Independence Day Festival into a city-wide multicultural event.

Asylum Seeker Support Network**\$3,000**

Contribution to the Network's six month (to March 2004) operational costs of its emergency housing service. One of the main issues facing asylum seekers on arrival in Christchurch is the lack of emergency housing and the lack of financial resources of asylum seekers to meet accommodation costs. This "emergency" situation is for the period (sometimes up to one month) between arrival in Christchurch and the asylum seeker receiving a WINZ benefit or gaining employment. The Network worked with 33 asylum seekers during the last twelve months of which and estimated one-third would have benefited from emergency accommodation assistance.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.