

5. ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR NORTH LINWOOD COMMUNITY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

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The purpose of this report is to:

1. inform the Board of two options for allocating part of the funding set aside to fulfil recommendations from the North Linwood Community Study (the *Study*); and
2. to request that the Board consider allocating funding to the groups detailed below.

The Board set aside \$7,500 of project funding in March 2003 to fulfil recommendations from the Study.

The Study identified some areas that needed particular attention in terms of demographics of the area and services already offered. Two areas identified were early childhood support and the high proportion of other cultures in the area. The two options below relate to these areas.

Additional options for allocating the funding are currently being investigated.

AVONSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

This is a community crèche situated in Woodham Road. It caters for approximately 50 families and is situated in a low socio-economic area. It has a very high level of parent input with an energetic management committee which has endeavoured over the last year to lift the level of service in the Centre.

The committee has been faced with major repairs to the front windows of the building (a wooden villa). It succeeded in getting funding for this and other repairs that were needed in the play area. This has left the committee short of resources to purchase new equipment or replace worn out items.

The committee has requested funding to purchase equipment for a carpentry bench and art and craft supplies to the value of \$361.

The committee has also requested funding to buy educational resources for its parent library to the value of \$195. These resources are focussed around parenting skills, and include; for example, books on sleep programmes, problem children, keeping kids safe and other areas that are of concern to parents.

Quotes and accounts have been supplied and are available to Board members on request. Accountability would be by requesting receipts for purchases from the management committee.

This group was funded \$1,200 from the Community Development Scheme in 2003 to provide training and produce resources for the management committee to develop better management skills. This has been carried out.

TUPULAGA MO TAELO "YOUTHS FOR TOMORROW"

This multi-cultural youth group operates from the St Georges/Iona Presbyterian Church on Linwood Avenue. Over the last year or so the Rev. Fitifiti Luatua has been gathering local people into this group. It has developed into quite a large and interesting group which functions to provide support to the families that participate in it. The group is open to any person from any culture that may wish to attend and take part in Samoan music, language and life style.

"The purpose of the group is to assist one another to promote healthy lifestyles through good health, fitness, fellowship and social well being through youth and cultural fellowship." – Rev. Fitifiti Luatua

It operates under a basis of developing and encouraging a sense of community recognition of individual responsibility emphasising self-discipline, personal development and respect using good role models.

Being part of this group has enabled families to access assistance for parenting issues, employment issues and advocacy with government departments. It has assisted this year with placing four youths into full time employment. It has been active in assisting members to gain their drivers licences – in one case leading to work as a taxi driver.

The group has attended and taken part in many performances, for example, youth picnic and outdoor sport and recreation in South Brighton Park, Youth Conference in Invercargill, Pacific Workshop on Alcohol and Drugs Misuse, and South Island 41st Anniversary Celebration of Samoa's Independence.

The group is planning to attend the Pacific Workshops hosted in Dunedin at the end of November. Members will be attending workshops on safety and discipline, career opportunities, computer programming, childcare and cooking, non-violence, sports and cultural performance.

This group is currently operating under the financial umbrella of the Presbyterian Church. They have requested assistance to set up a trust so that they can be financially independent in terms of accountability. This is some time away yet. Accountability would be through the church and by requesting receipts for purchases.

The essential ingredient for this group to draw youth in and keep them interested is the music and culture. The group is therefore requesting funding for the specialised drums and equipment that are needed in its culture group.

The request is for:

2 x Island Drums (pate made of wood)	\$1000
2x guitars	\$300
10x Island laces (ula-nifo)	\$300
10x (titi fulumoa) wrap around flax skirts	\$500
Uniform – lavalavas	\$500
	\$2600

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board grant the Avonside Early Childhood Centre \$556 for the purchase of art and craft supplies, carpentry equipment and resources for enhancing parenting skills from the funding set aside to fulfil the recommendations of the North Linwood Community Study.
 2. That the Board grant the St Georges/Iona Presbyterian church \$2,600 for the specific items listed above from the funding set aside to fulfil the recommendations of the North Linwood Community Study.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:** That the recommendations be adopted.