

6. COMMUNITY FUNDING 2002/03

Officer responsible Leisure Manager	Author Peter Walls, DDI 941-8777
---	--

The purpose of this annual report is to inform the Council of the major details in respect of the main community funding round (2002/03) and to make recommendations in relation to the 2003/04 community funding process.

The principal funding round for 2002/03 has been completed and summary sheets and accountability forms for the Creative Communities Scheme have been forwarded to Creative New Zealand.

Some funding committees have retained funds for late applications but the majority of the available resources have been allocated. The issue of unallocated resources at the end of the financial year needs to be closely monitored to ensure that the majority of these resources are allocated prior to the main funding round in the following year, for which applications close at the end of March.

Attached to this report is a full list of the successful applicants responded to by the Metropolitan Funding Committee for the Community Development Scheme and the Community Organisation Loan Scheme.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE UNDER THE VARIOUS SCHEMES

Scheme	Source of Funds	2002/03
Community Development Scheme	Christchurch City Council	\$432,000
Community Organisation Loans Scheme	Christchurch City Council	\$293,600

The Community Development Scheme was based on \$1.33c (for 2002/03) per head of population and this is inflation adjusted each year. The amount that is budgeted for in 2003/04 is \$439,000 based on 1.35c/head of population.

ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

As Councillors will be aware, we have six funding committees based on Community Board areas and one Metropolitan funding committee. The funds are apportioned on the following basis:

METROPOLITAN FUNDING COMMITTEE

- (i) All loan funds
- (ii) 45% of the Council's Community Development Scheme Funds

THE SIX COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEES

- (i) 55% of the Council's Community Development Scheme Funds

Note: The allocation of funds to the six community funding assessment committees is apportioned according to each community board's population.

NUMBER OF PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Applications/projects were received as follows:

Community Funding Committee	Community Development Scheme				
	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03
Hagley/Ferrymead	45	45	52	49	51
Spreydon/Heathcote	52	50	55	41	32
Riccarton/Wigram	35	45	60	42	43
Fendalton/Waimairi	36	35	31	30	32
Shirley/Papanui	25	28	23	26	32
Burwood/Pegasus	43	48	55	38	45
Metropolitan	154	131	137	120	151
Totals	390	382	413	346	386

PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN OF APPLICATIONS

	Community Funding Committees				
	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03
Community Development Scheme	61%	66%	67%	65%	61%

	Metropolitan Funding Committee				
	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03
Community Development Scheme	39%	34%	33%	35%	39%

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The Community Development Scheme (55% community funding committees, 45% metropolitan) while not proportionate in respect of the number of applications that are received, better reflects requested amounts with the Metropolitan Committee dealing with significant city-wide organisations which in general request larger amounts.

Both the Community Development Scheme Review and the Funding Review identified the need for the Community Development Scheme to have a closing date in late September (currently the end of March) and therefore in 2004 there will be two rounds of the Community Development Scheme with the 2003/04 round closing in late March and the 2004/05 round closing in late September.

Another issue that may also need to be addressed is the process for the allocation of the funds under this scheme. Currently the allocation is based on the population in each Community Board area and this system does not recognise that some areas of the city have a greater level of deprivation. The Community Relations Unit is to investigate this as a possible option to see if a more equitable process for allocating the resources can be established.

The Community Development Scheme funds are inflation-adjusted each year and based on population but for ease of explanation the figure has been shown as an amount per head of population, ie \$1.35 per head for 2003/04. Several (5 of the 6) Community Boards provided extra funds for this scheme and in general demand is increasing in this area across the city.

The Council's Community Policy is used to set priorities and guidelines for the consideration of applications under the Community Development Scheme, and this is working well.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEES

The 2002/03 funding round was the first round of a three-year term for the community representatives on the various funding committees.

The three year term for these representatives is designed to link with the Council's triennial elections. The timing means that in a worst case scenario only half of the committees could change at any one time, thus providing continuity in the process of assessment and allocation of resources under this scheme.

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES ALLOCATIONS AND BALANCES

The following table outlines the situation for each funding committee as at 30 June 2002. It should be noted that some Community Boards use their discretionary funds to add to the available resources and this is indicated in the comments column.

Assessment Committee	\$ Carry Forward 2001/02	Less Late 01/02 Allocations	Funds Available 2002/03	Funds Allocated 2002/03	Balance as at 30/6/2003	Comments
Metropolitan CDS	3692.96	192.96	194,592.96	182,825	11,767.96	
Fendalton/Waimairi CDS	5,851.89	-1,148.11	37,695.67	45,209	17,486.67	\$25,000 from Com Bd

Burwood/ Pegasus CDS	17,099.69	-0.31	40,147.99	31,845	8,302.99	
Shirley/ Papanui CDS	8,690.33	8,690.33	48,773.33	42,402	8,645.19	\$2,273.86 from Com Bd
Hagley/ Ferrymead CDS	2,996.00	2,996.00	42,306	60,359	-2,553	\$15,500 from Com Bd
Riccarton/ Wigram CDS	12,028.03	1,722.03	42,993.03	49,593	3,400.03	\$10,000 from Com Bd
Spreydon/ Heathcote CDS	950.01	950.01	40,055.01	36,990	9,116.15	\$6,051.14 from Com Bd
Totals	51,308.91	13,402.91	446,563.99	449,223	56,165.99	

Funds available include the following returned cheques/funds where projects did not proceed or did not use all of the funds that were allocated.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Metropolitan	
Burwood/Pegasus	\$350.30
Riccarton/Wigram	
Spreydon/Heathcote	\$210.00
Fendalton/Waimairi	\$375.78
Hagley/ Ferrymead	\$225.00
Shirley/ Papanui	
Total	\$1,161.08

LOANS

Nine loan applications were received of which seven were approved in full or part and loan funding totalling \$293,600 has been allocated/committed. These funds are currently lent over a five-year term (some exceptions go to ten years) at 2% interest per annum.

FUNDING DATABASE

The database has proved very successful and only minor problems have been encountered in terms of its operation. The benefits will compound so that in future years the time spent in administration and staff inputting will continue to be reduced.

The database is being further expanded to include grants made by Community Boards to community organisations from their discretionary funds and from other Council sources. This will provide a greater level of accountability and will also allow administrators to ascertain where organisations are accessing funds from within the Council. It is also planned to provide application forms and details on the Internet at some time in the future.

GENERAL

The overall procedures for operating the Community Funding Schemes now in place appear to be working successfully.

More organisations are taking a responsible attitude in respect of the funding allocations and cheques are returned if all the resources are not required for the project, or, if for any reason, they are not able to undertake the project. This process is encouraged by all those involved in administering the schemes and results in the maximum benefit being obtained from the resources available.

Staff**Recommendation:**

1. That the information be received.
2. That it be recommended to the Annual Plan Subcommittee the contribution for the Community Development Scheme be based on \$1.37 per head of population for the 2004/2005 financial year in line with inflation.
3. That the Community Development Scheme resources be split 55% to the Community Funding Committees and 45% to the Metropolitan Committee for the 2003/2004 funding round.
4. That the interest rate for the Community Organisations Loan Scheme remain at 2% per annum for the 2003/2004 funding round.

Chair's**Recommendation:**

1. That the above recommendation be adopted.
2. That funds continue to be allocated to the six community funding committees on a population basis.