


## 1. GOVERNMENT FUNDING – OUT OF SCHOOL CARE AND RECREATION PROGRAMMES



Lesley Symington and Jacqui Leask (Recreation and Arts Team) were in attendance to report on the new Government funding available for Out of School programmes.

In the Government's 2002 Budget, the Ministry of Social Development received \$36.592m additional funding over four years for Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) programmes. The package of increased assistance is aimed at improving the viability, supply and quality of OSCAR programmes by covering any operating deficit between operating costs, fees and other revenue.

The National Association for OSCAR (NAOSCAR) has been contracted by MSD for two years (to July 2004) to provide support and advice to providers of out of school care and recreation. This is part of the Government's Making Work Pay project. NAOSCAR will receive, process and make recommendations on applications but MSD will make the final decisions on funding.

Christchurch City Council Leisure holiday programmes which are provided in-house (currently 5 out of a total of 22) have Child, Youth and Family approval and will be applying for Assistance Grant funding in the November funding round. Government funding will enable some programmes to be less reliant on the Council for their sustainable operational costs.

The Board is supportive of these programmes in its area, and welcomed the Government funding scheme.

The Board **decided**:

1. That Community Recreation Advisers and Community Development Advisers should work closely with local community providers on this scheme.
2. That the Board continue to support programmes in its area, and that budget allocations be considered at the time of the 2003/04 Project Fund meeting in early March 2003.