

6. 2004/05 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

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As mentioned in clause 5 the current uncommitted balance of funding is \$58,000 (subject, of course, to any future decisions on Garreg Road).

The following initiatives may be worthy of consideration for future commitment to “projects” from this fund.

1. **Christchurch Boys’ High School – Onsite Parking Development**

A recent request has been received from the School regarding financial support toward an initiative to create additional parking, on school grounds, adjacent to Te Kura Street.

The School has initiated fundraising for the project which is tentatively estimated at approximately \$50,000.

Although this development is on private land it is expected that this will provide some relief to “the community” by reducing the present impact of onstreet parking. The parking area will also be available for weekend use when required for sporting or other events at the school. Support from the Board would be in keeping with the Board’s decision to allocate \$11,000 of its 2004/05 Project Funding for “School Environment/Public Access Enhancement”.

A contribution (grant) of \$3,000 toward this project could be worthy of consideration.

2. **Heritage (History) Recognition**

From time to time the Board has referred to the value of recognising history in its community. Some examples of this recognition are the history (interpretation) board recently prepared for the Avice Hill Reserve, and the present plans for recognition of the Boag family at Burnside Park.

Staff have recently undertaken a brainstorming exercise on the subject of “heritage/history”, and a copy of the outcomes from this is **attached** for information.

With the Boards ongoing interest in heritage/history it would seem relevant that some funding should be allocated from the 2004/05 Discretionary Funds. A sum of \$5,000 would seem appropriate subject to staff providing further detail on the manner in which this should be allocated.

3. **Papanui Community Watch**

Over recent years the Board has provided support on the basis of a \$1,500 grant each 18 months. It would seem appropriate that a similar opportunity be identified, subject to a later request being received, for this financial year. (Note: the latest grant was approved by the Board in June 2003.)

4. **Community Awards**

In previous years the Board has allocated funding for the Community Service Awards, and Garden Pride Awards, and the related functions recognising the recipients of these Awards.

It would seem appropriate that the Board provide similar support for 2004/05. It is recommended that \$2,000 be allocated in recognition of recent increases associated with advertising/printing/framing/functions for these occasions.

5. **Arbor Day/Conservation Day**

As in previous years the Board’s support for projects related to either Arbor Day or Conservation Week plantings has been extremely well received again this year.

It would seem appropriate to again allocate funding for this purpose. A sum of \$2,000, as in recent years, is suggested for adoption.

6. **St James Church – Harewood/Whitchurch – Driveway Sealing**

A request has been received from the Church for financial support for the sealing of the connection between a new driveway within the Church grounds and the sealed carriageway in Whitchurch Place. The Church has taken the initiative recently to construct a driveway through the Church grounds to overcome earlier difficulties with entry and egress movements on to Harewood Road associated with funeral activities. The funding of the connection completing through access to/from Whitchurch would seem appropriate as a contribution to the Church's initiative.

7. **Neighbourhood Week 2004/05**

In previous years the Board has recognised the spirit of Neighbourhood Week by allocating funding to be available for those residents/organisations who, voluntarily, decide to host a community gathering aimed at community interaction and support. The practice has been that local initiatives do not necessarily need to be aligned to the particular week itself, but for the timing best suited to the particular groups initiatives.

It would seem appropriate that the Board provide similar support again this year i.e. by allocation of \$1,500 from the Discretionary Fund.

8. **Coloured Planting – Leinster/Rossall Greenspace**

The Greenspace Advocate has suggested that there could be an opportunity to develop a coloured planting area in the proximity of the proposed art work adjacent to the Leinster/Rossall intersection.

While the Board has already allocated a sum of \$10,000 for "coloured planting at selected sites" (ex 2004/05 Project Funding) it is envisaged that much of this may be required for plantings at, or adjacent to, Millbrook Reserve. (It should also be noted that \$10,000 has been allocated toward the overall project of "Millbrook Reserve Enhancement".)

The Committee may care to consider the opportunity to allocated \$3,000 from its Discretionary Fund to complete the artwork project in this location.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Committee determine the level of funding that should be left available for the incoming Board.
 2. That the Committee consider which further initiatives should be recommended for adoption by the Board.