

12. COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND 2004/2005

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board consider allocating \$5,000 from its 2004/05 discretionary fund to a community response fund as per the 2003/04 financial year.

From time to time funding requests are received by the Advocacy Team requiring release of funds before the next decision-making meeting of the Board. In November 2000 the Board introduced a process enabling it to respond in a timely manner to community requests for funding where a decision is required in these instances.

It is recommended that \$5,000 be allocated from the Board's discretionary fund as a response fund for community requests for funding, and that a similar process to that adopted in the 2003/04 financial year operate for this financial year. It is recommended that the existing Community Response Fund Committee approve funding requests in liaison with the Community Advocate.

Approved requests for funding will appear in the Community Advocate's monthly report.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board allocate \$5,000 from its Discretionary Fund for community requests for funding requiring decisions prior to the next Board meeting.
 2. That a Community Response Fund Committee comprising of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson (Bob Todd and Linda Rutland) approve requests in liaison with the Community Advocate.
 3. That approved requests for funding to be reported in the Community Advocate's monthly report.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendations be adopted.