

4. **RICCARTON WIGRAM PROJECT FUND “COMMUNITY INITIATIVES”  
REQUEST TO ALLOCATE CURRENT BALANCE TO COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE**

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The purpose of this report is to seek the consideration of the Board to allocate the balance of the Community Initiatives Funds (\$5,125) to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Funding Committee.

**BACKGROUND**

Usually, the allocation from this fund is promoted through the Board’s Community Services Committee. As the Committee is not meeting this month, the agreement of the Committee Chairperson has been given to bring the request directly to the Board.

The Community Initiatives Fund had \$25,000 allocated by the Board; through a series of Board decisions (the most recent being funds to the Hei Hei Mobile Bus and the Youth Worker programmes at Riccarton and Hornby High Schools) the unallocated balance is \$5,125.

**CURRENT**

The Sockburn Advocacy Team is currently working through the 2003/04 Community Development Funding Scheme applications. Whilst the total amount sought (from the applicants) is in the order of \$78,000, the Community Funding Committee will only have \$52,000 available (this includes \$10,000 of 2003/04 Project Funds).

It is acknowledged that it is unlikely that the Community Funding Committee decisions will be to the level of \$78,000; however, the Advocacy Team believes that this small amount of additional funds sought (\$5,125) will enable the Community Funding Committee to make fairer and reasoned decisions on the applications.

Also the Advocacy Team believes that the use of the available Community Initiative Funds is very much in line with Board objectives, eg

“Supplement the capacities and resources of community groups”

Objective 2.2 – Operate Council community funding schemes in ways, which maximise their value to the communities

**SUMMATION**

The Community Services Committee of the Board would usually receive, in the first instance, a report on the allocation of the Community Initiatives Fund.

The Committee Chairperson is agreeable to this request coming directly to the Board.

The Community Funding Committee has always made full use of its monies in the decisions made upon applications received; there is no (identifiable) call upon these funds, and the Advocacy Team is of the view that the Community Funding Committee could make full use of this (small) additional allocation.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Community Board give consideration to allocating the balance of its Community Initiatives Fund, in the sum of \$5,125, to the Community Board Community Funding Committee.

**Chairman’s**

**Recommendation:** That the Officer’s recommendation be adopted.