

3. BOARD PROJECT AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS, 2003/04 REVIEW

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's consideration to the allocating of the current balance of the 2003/04 Discretionary Funds.

BACKGROUND

At the 5 May meeting, the Board received a full schedule of Project and Discretionary Fund approvals. From a (identified) surplus fund of \$36,300 the Board, by resolution, allocated a total of \$19,500, leaving \$16,800 which it was agreed would be given further consideration at today's meeting.

From the 5 May schedule of (possible) projects three were not funded:

- Steadman Road kerb and channel/landscaping
- Hei Hei Community Centre
- Lancewood Drive Safe Crossing
(The Board did approve some funds to enable a project brief to be prepared)

CURRENT

Members will recall the discussion on the Steadman Road work, and whether City Streets Unit might be able to fund their share if the Board came up with at least \$40,000 of the \$57,000 estimated cost.

At Hei Hei, it is intended to undertake some internal renovations to the Community Centre.

The recent decision of the Council's Strategy and Finance Committee (17 May 2004) to allocate \$60,000 to this work is welcomed.

The work is estimated to cost \$80,000. Whilst members were supportive (5 May) of providing the balance of Discretionary Funds available to this project, the Community Advocate advises that there is a probability that Council would not wish to carry forward (into 2004/05) any more requests.

RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION

The Community Advocate, (in heeding the advice in respect to carry-forwards) has had discussions with the Community and Recreation Unit about "advance" payments of one of the Board-approved projects for 2004/05.

At its 9 February 2004 meeting, the Finance and Policy Committee (with "Power to Act") resolved to allocate the full Project Funds for 2004/05.

One project, "Broomfield/Hei Hei Community Development (\$15,000) has been identified for possible funding in this financial year from the current fund balance available (\$16,800).

The Community and Leisure Unit would reimburse these funds back to the Board, in July 2004.

CONCLUSION

Following the 5 May decisions of the Board, there is \$16,800 available for allocation prior to 30 June 2004.

With the recognition that carry-forwards should not be pursued, the Community Advocate is recommending the "advance" payment of one of the Board-approved 2004/05 Projects, with reimbursement (in 2004/05) to an identified project. The Community Advocate believes that the Hei Hei Community Centre is the preferred project.

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- Recommendation:**
- 1 That the Board give consideration to allocating the balance of 2003/04 Funds to the Broomfield/Hei Hei Development Project in the sum of \$15,000 (as an advancement on 2004/05)
 - 2 That the reimbursed funds (in 2004/05) be allocated to the Hei Hei Community Centre renovation project.

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Recommendation: That the officer's recommendations be adopted.