

## 8. NIU ECONOMIC AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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The purpose of this report is to provide officer comment regarding NIU Economic and Enterprise Development Trust (Need Trust). An application requesting discretionary funding from the Board was received at the 6 April 2004 meeting.

### BACKGROUND

The Need Trust was established in consultation with the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs in November 2002. The Trust is a community-based Pasifica economic and employment development agency, and has been operating for 17 months. The organisation is a charitable trust registered under the Charitable Trust Act of 1957. Currently, there are five Trust members who come from professional and managerial backgrounds.

The purpose of the group is to reduce inequalities between Pacific and other peoples through employment and economic enterprise development. It is a metropolitan group/organisation looking to relocate and establish themselves at the Rowley shops in the Hoon Hay Area.

The Need Trust delivers the Pan Pacific Youth Worker Project, which is a targeted social/youth work and policing initiative to reduce offending by Pacific youth in Christchurch. This is a joint service provided in co-operation the New Zealand Police, Canterbury. The Police fund the project.

### COMMUNITY OUTCOMES AND RELEVANT POLICIES

Supporting Need Trust contributes to a number of Community Outcomes, including:

- "A Learning City" whereby the Council will contribute to the outcomes by "facilitating education and learning opportunities by... "supporting community education initiatives".
- "A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities" whereby the Council will contribute to the outcomes by "providing funding and support for community initiatives, festivals and community organisations" and "support community initiatives aimed at reducing inequalities".
- "A Safe City" whereby the Council will contribute to the outcomes by "supporting youth intervention initiatives."

The policies relating to this application include:

- Social Well Being Policy
- Community Policy
- Youth Policy

The Board objective that most specifically relates to this proposal is an empowered community through supporting new initiatives that meet identified community needs.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

This funding request is specifically to cover rent for Need Trust relocating to Hoon Hay. The Trust is intending to base itself in the shops in McCarthy Street (previously Hoon Hay Youth Centre location). The cost of rent is \$10,000 per annum. In terms of supporting this application, this would allow the Trust to be based in Hoon Hay and to start providing services for the local and wider community from within this area.

### RELEVANT RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

Key demographic themes identified in 2001 Statistics were: Rowley is a socio-economically disadvantaged area, a unique cultural mix - Maori population (15.2%), Pacific Island (14.7%), and a relatively high percentage of Asian families. Low economic well-being and unemployment were identified in the Hoon Hay Needs Analysis.

### PROJECTS/PROPOSALS FROM THE NEED TRUST

- Pan Pacific Youth Worker 2003 (project already under way, has three year funding, two workers targeting different communities, Mat Glanville is already working with a case load of youth and their families in the Hoon Hay Area.

- Employment-based projects proposed: employment-related case management (proposal currently with WINZ to promote work readiness, and employment solutions, including employment upskilling). Careers Solution Adviser (proposal currently with CDC, working with Pacific persons who are currently employed or studying to improve working positions or working opportunities).
- Afterschool Homework study group proposed (successful existing homework group run by Henry Moli and funded by Ministry of Education. The Hoon Hay Youth Centre previously acted as the umbrella organisation for this programme. The Need Trust is currently negotiating with Ministry of Education to oversee manage this community education initiative).
- Other future initiatives proposed include employing an additional full-time Youth Worker specifically for Hoon Hay area, family and youth targeted recreation initiatives, other youth services such as mentoring, youth development.

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

The following are some expected outcomes from the above initiatives agreed to by the Need Trust:

- Young Pacific people and their families, living in the Hoon Hay area, have access to above services.
- The Trust develops and strengthens local relationships with other service providers, which may lead to collaborative partnerships.
- Unemployment is reduced in Hoon Hay.
- That Need Trust will engage up to 100 participants in the Careers Solution initiative per annum. That 85% of the participants will have developed a goal schedule, which will improve and increase the level of employment opportunity.
- That young Pacific Island people have a local place with which they can identify.

**DATE OF REVIEW**

That the Manager of Need Trust meet with the Community Development Adviser in six months' time.

**FINANCIAL**

Audited accounts and financial information were provided at the Board's 6 April 2004 meeting.

**BENEFITS**

These are some of the following benefits:

**Community actions involved**

Networking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advocacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Support Volunteers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Building trust	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Engaging community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prejudice breakdown	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leverage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Conflict resolution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Healthy activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Relationship building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Treaty issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Social capital (investment) achieved**

Community up-skilling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Promote volunteerism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Healthy activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relationship building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Empowerment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creates Respect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Participation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

Should the Board not support the proposal, it is unlikely that the Trust would be able to relocate to the Hoon Hay area (funding for rent is difficult to obtain). The services the Trust is wanting to provide would benefit the Rowley and Hoon Hay community. Research from the Hoon Hay Needs Analysis has identified unemployment as an issue, particularly among Pacific Island and Maori youth.

## CONCLUSION

The Need Trust currently delivers the Pan Pacific Youth Worker Project. It is a Pacific people's service agency whose purpose is to help reduce inequalities between Pacific and other people through employment and economic enterprise development. They have two employment-based proposals currently being negotiated with CDC and WINZ. The funding assistance requested from the Board is to cover rent for relocating to the Hoon Hay area.

### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the Board grant \$10,000 for the rent of the Need Trust in Hoon Hay from its 2003/04 Discretionary Fund, to be reported back on in six months.

### Chairperson's

**Comment:** The Need Trust project has been carefully planned with very good back-up. It fits in well with the Rowley Resource Centre development.

### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the staff recommendation be supported.