

## 9. APPLICATION FROM SOUTH CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY WATCH FOR FUNDING TO PURCHASE A NEW VEHICLE

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The purpose of this report is to provide additional information as requested at the Community Board meeting of 27 July 2004 in regard to the funding application for \$15,000 by South Christchurch Community Watch to purchase a new vehicle.

### BACKGROUND

South Christchurch Community Watch application states that their purpose is to act as “extra eyes and ears” of the Police Force and to make this area of the city a safer and better place to live. Board members will recall that when the initial funding application was considered, the Board sought further information in regard to other possible sponsors, further quotes for a vehicle, and the possibility of obtaining a car that had been seized and forfeited.

The following information has been received

- AMI Insurance sponsors the current vehicle that is in use. South Christchurch Community Watch have approached AMI Insurance to see if they would be in a position to sponsor a replacement vehicle, but were advised that due to changes in policy they have indicated that this may be unlikely. However, no formal application has been made to AMI for consideration.
- Christchurch South Community Watch has not had time to investigate sponsorship from other Insurance Companies.
- The group has made contact with other car sales places and looked at other vehicles, however, no quotes have been provided. It is difficult to compare quotes as each car sales yard has different vehicles. This matter needs to be further investigated by South Christchurch Community Watch.
- The Police Department has advised that of the vehicles that are forfeited, any that were not claimed within the 56-day timeframe would not be suitable for this purpose.

Information from other Community Watch Groups regarding how they obtain sponsorship has been forwarded to Christchurch South Community Watch.

Other funding options are being identified and will be forwarded to South Christchurch Community Watch as appropriate.

Other community boards provide various grants to Community Watch in their areas, generally for administration and operational costs, but not for vehicles.

### CONCLUSION

As there are no major businesses within the area, local sponsorship for the cost of the vehicle is unlikely. The amount sought from the Board would be more appropriate to be considered from its Project Fund, but this of course will not be considered until early next year, and not available until the beginning of July 2005. Alternatively, a grant from Discretionary Funds may be considered. In the meantime, South Christchurch Community Watch has been advised to continue to enquire about other forms of sponsorship, given the large amount needed; and staff will continue to liaise with them on this.

#### Staff

**Recommendation:** That no decision be made on the application for funding of \$15,000; that South Christchurch Community Watch continue to seek sponsorship and vehicle quotes, and that this matter be referred back to the new Board

#### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** This application requires more time to be worked through. I support the staff recommendation.