

1. The purpose of this report is to seek a partial allocation of funds previously set aside for Youth 4 Youth (Y4Y).
2. Youth 4 Youth have been operating in the Shirley area since 2001. It was expected that Y4Y would be able to administer a youth work position in the area. However, work with the group over the past 18 months has indicated that the group does not have the capability to administer such a position. The group are keen to continue to offer small-scale programmes, events and activities for youth in the Shirley area. To be able to continue to offer these activities the group requires a small funding base. Three options are presented (Full funding, Partial funding or No funding). Advantages and Disadvantages of each option are also presented in tabular form for ease of comparison. The recommended option is Full funding.
3. This proposal utilises funding previously allocated to Y4Y, but which had been set-aside pending further work with the group.

It is recommended that:

- (a) \$7000 of the funds set aside for Y4Y be allocated for use by this group.
 - (b) This grant to be monitored and allocated on an "as-need" basis by the Community Development Advisor via the Shirley Rugby League Football Club.
 - (c) Information and Accountability Form to be completed.
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- a) For Discussion
 - b) Staff to provide a report at the next Board meeting on how the balance of the funding to be re-allocated within the Shirley/Mairehau area.

4. Y4Y are a youth focussed group operating in the heart of Shirley providing programmes and activities for youth-at-risk and youth with limited access to resources. Although initially involved in youth activities, the small group sought to employ a Youth Co-ordinator in the area, responsible for street work, court work and liaison with various agencies (e.g. CYFS). A partnership for this purpose was established with the Shirley Community Trust. However, the employment of a person in the role proved to be beyond the administrative capabilities of Y4Y and the Co-ordinator resigned early in 2004.

5. In February 2004 the Community Board adopted a resolution to reassign some funds that it had previously put aside for a skate facility in McFarlane Park. In resolving to do so, the Board allocated "up to \$15,000 to Y4Y to house the group and employ a youth co-ordinator." Subsequent to this the co-ordinator resigned (as mentioned above) and the Community Board froze funds to Y4Y pending the production of a business plan. \$1,159.69 had already been allocated to the Shirley Community trust for costs outstanding for the employment of the Youth Co-ordinator.

6. City Council staff (the Community Development Advisor and the Community Recreation Advisor) have continued to work with Y4Y. This work, with the Y4Y leadership, has lead us to the following current analysis of this group:
 - That Y4Y does not have the capability to support the employment of a Youth Worker.
 - That the strength of Y4Y is in its running of events and programmes for young people in Shirley on a small scale.
 - That resources available to the group are limited. Consequently leadership will rely heavily on volunteers.
 - That there remains an enthusiasm by the young people for activities and programmes in Shirley.

7. A draft plan was produced by the group, although this was before the recognition of the first point above. A copy is for reference.

8. Y4Y have now refocused and have developed a new direction (albeit a return to their original purpose). This new direction is focussed very much on programmes and activities as follows:

Monday Dance, utilising volunteer garages and involving approximately eight to

Evenings: twelve young people.

Tuesday Activities in the Park; touch and baseball, run in conjunction with Emmett

Evenings: Street Christian Centre.

Wednesday Participation in a touch module, mostly in Burwood Park.

Evenings:

Sundays: Day Activities, with activities in the evening in the Shirley Rugby League Football Club clubrooms. An outing approximately every six weeks is planned. These activities will cater for up to thirty young people.

A regular movie night is also being planned in conjunction with the Shirley Community Trust, utilising the DVD player at the Neighbourhood Centre.

9. Supervision, leadership and administration is to be provided by a group of six youth leaders and four parent helpers.

10. The following is the planned budget for these activities through to June 2005.

	\$
Rental of Venues	\$2,500
Transport Costs	\$1,000
Activity Fees	\$2,000
Volunteer Expenses	\$500
Dance Uniforms (10 x \$50)	\$500
Equipment	<u>\$500</u>

11. It is proposed that Shirley Rugby League Football Club be the legal body through which any funding granted is channelled and that any funds granted by the Community Board be allocated on an "as-need" basis (i.e. Approximately \$1000/month). Appropriate accountability processes would be completed through the Community Development Advisor.

12. The following table presents the options available to the Community Board in terms of this request.

Fully fund (i.e. \$7000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No need for group to seek additional funding. Provides six months certainty of funding for group. Leaves \$6,840.31 for reallocation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk of group being unable to continue (although "as-need" basis minimises this and any unspent funds would be returned).
Partial Fund (\$2000-\$5000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaves between \$8,840.31 and \$11,840.31 of Community Board funds for reallocation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group needs to seek further funding, putting strain on volunteers. Could require activities to be reduced.
No funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frees up \$13,840.31 Community Board funding for reallocation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Likely to mean abandonment of significant numbers of planned activities and programmes. Could result in further loss of initiative and/or enthusiasm by young people.

13. This application for funding aligns to the following Council Policies:

- Youth Policy
- Social Well-being Policy
- Community Policy

14. It also aligns to the following Community Board objectives:

- To promote a Safe, Healthy Community
- The Treaty of Waitangi is honoured
- Cultural Diversity is respected

15. And helps to meet the following objectives of the Long Term Council Community Plan:
- A well governed city; especially with respect to “developing leadership”, “encouraging civic responsibility”, and “building collaborative agencies”.
 - A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities
 - A City of Healthy and Active People
 - A Safe City
 - A Cultural and Fun City