

## 2. CANTERBURY YOUTH WORKERS' COLLECTIVE – FUNDING APPLICATION

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to an application for funding from the Canterbury Youth Workers' Collective for \$2,000 from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board's 2005/06 SCAP fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Canterbury Youth Workers' Collective have made an application for funding to the Board for \$2,000 to contribute to the costs involved in a mail out to five high schools within the Fendalton/Waimairi Ward in relation to the Youth Access to Alcohol Project (YATA).
3. This is the first occasion that the Canterbury Youth Collective have approached the Board for funding for this purpose.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. The organisation has applied for funding that can be sourced from the Board's 2005/06 Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) fund.
5. The total cost of the project is \$4,139. A.L.A.C have approved a grant of \$2,000 towards the project and the \$2,000 requested from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board will contribute towards the cost of postage and envelopes. The shortfall of \$139 will be made up through funds in hand.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

Agree to approve the application for funding from the Canterbury Youth Workers' Collective and allocate \$2,000 from its 2005/06 SCAP fund.

### BACKGROUND ON THE YATA PROJECT

4. The Canterbury Youth Workers' Collective are acting as umbrella organisation for the Fendalton Youth Access to Alcohol Project (YATA).
5. The YATA project has been underway in the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board since 2003.
6. The Project is an initiative of the Alcohol Advisory Council (ALAC) and encourages an inter-agency approach to reduce alcohol-related harm to young people through reducing the supply of alcohol by adults to under age young people.
7. The Fendalton YATA group includes representatives from the Canterbury Youth Workers' Collective, Community and Public Health, SADD (Students against Drink Driving), ACC Injury Prevention, Police, and the Christchurch City Council.
8. The five schools involved with this project are St Andrews College, Rangī Ruru Girls School, Christchurch Girls' High, Christchurch Boys' High, and St Margaret's. Statistics have shown that students from these schools are at greater risk due to having easier access to alcohol.
9. Projects undertaken by the YATA group so far include:
  - School surveys
  - Public surveys - including taxi drivers, retailers, Christchurch Press, McDonalds staff
  - Alcohol consumption survey in all schools targeted at 9-13 year olds
  - Parent Forums at all of the five schools - this included providing feedback to the parents on the results of the surveys and presentations from the Police and Emergency Department staff
  - Meetings with the Board of Trustees from Rangī Ruru, St Andrews, and Christchurch Girls High School

- Youth Forum (March 2005) with 75 students from within the five schools attending - this full day forum provided workshops and speakers on Risky Drinking, Alcohol and Sports Performance, and The Affects of Alcohol
10. This funding application is seeking support to undertake a mail out to all the parents of students at the five schools. The mail out consists of an ALAC Parents Resource booklet, a 'Think Before You Supply' leaflet, and a cover letter from each of the schools indicating their support for the YATA project.

**OPTIONS**

11. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to:
- a) grant \$2,000 to the Canterbury Youth Workers' Collective
  - b) grant a portion of the amount requested
  - c) decline the application