

2. HORNBY YOUTH WORKER(S) PROJECT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request to the Board for funding assistance of \$20,000 towards the cost of running programmes related to the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project. At present the Board has an available balance of \$49,840 in its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund. **Attached** is an Evaluation Report of the Hornby Community Youth Worker.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project has been operating for nine years. In 1996 a need for affordable and accessible recreational programmes in the Hornby area was identified by an independent researcher. The Community Development Network Trust was contracted by the Community Board to provide a Youth worker who would deliver recreational programmes as well as develop supportive positive relationships with the young people in Hornby. The Community Board initially funded the total cost of the project including salary and programme costs. The salary of the youth worker is currently funded from the Community Development Team Budget. The Community Board, historically, has continued to fund the programme costs (\$20,000) each year from its Youth Initiative Fund, as well as the salary of the female youth worker assistant (for the period up until June 2008).
3. The programmes are an essential part of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project. They provide recreational opportunities that many of the young people in this area would not have access to due to costs relating to participation as well as travel. The camps also provide respite for parents, as well as activities that extend the skills of young people, develop self-esteem, confidence and leadership potential. Volunteers also provide positive role models.
4. The Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project is a Council initiative. Since its initiation the Community Development Network Trust has been contracted to deliver programmes, services and activities to young people in Hornby. Two major independent evaluations (2002, 2005) have highlighted the success of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project and the positive impact that the camps and activities have on the young people. The youth workers provide information related to the running of the programme in six monthly and annual evaluation reports. The young people themselves are included in the evaluation process and some of their comments are included in this report.
5. The Board has been proactive in funding the total cost of the recreational programmes (\$20,000) in advance for planning purposes. Current funding will come to an end in April 2007.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal considerations. Both the Board and the Community Development Group currently fund the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project.

Year	Amount		Funder
2006/08	\$35,920	Female Youth Worker Assistant (two years)	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board
2006/07	\$42,000	Youth Worker Salary	Community Development Team
2005/07	\$40,000	Programmes (two years)	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board
2005/06	\$35,000	Youth Worker Salary	Community Development Team Budget
2004/05	\$35,000	Youth Worker Salary	Community Development Team Budget
2004/05	\$20,000	Youth Programmes	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board

7. The project has been running for nine years. The above matrix indicates the level of funding over the last two years. The Board has given \$20,000 annually towards the cost of the programmes since 1997. One of the key strengths of the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project identified in Sarah Wylie's evaluation report (2005) was "the affordability benefits for families because it is a well resourced programme".

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board agrees to allocate \$20,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund for costs associated with running recreational programmes associated with the Hornby Youth Worker(s) Project.