

21. BOARD POLICY ON GRANTS TO FUND APPEALS

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Report of a meeting of a committee to consider a policy for the Board in relation to requests for grants to fund appeals, held on 14 April 1998, is [attached](#).

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the following as its policy in relation to support for residents and groups that wish to appeal resource management decisions:

1. That free photocopying be offered to community groups within the Shirley/Papanui Board area, who are appealing Resource Management consents.
2. That the Board support continued Council funding to the Community Law Centre to provide education and assistance to community groups, and that the Board actively promote this service to community groups within Shirley/Papanui.
3. The Board welcomes dialogue with community groups or persons affected by Resource Management Consents regarding their appeals.
4. The Board encourages the community to pursue resolution of Resource Management issues which affect the wider community.
5. The Board to act as a lobbyist to seek change to legislation to allow legal aid to community groups for Resource Management Consent Appeals, and to request the Council to support this action.
6. That it shall in general be the Board's policy not to make specific grants to individuals or community groups for assistance in making appeals against Resource Management consents. Any exception to this policy to be by specific resolution of the Board.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the committee's recommendation above.