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The purpose of this report is to request funds from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to support the Addington Bush Society.

### Background

The Addington Bush Society began in 1994 when eight residents purchased a block of land in Addington and planted 2,500 trees on this and their surrounding back yards. The success of this project has encouraged other residents who now want to expand the planted area to include the sides of the Southern Arterial motorway, school, Council and railway land, the restoration of Jackson's Creek and other private yards.

The Addington Bush Society also produces a newsletter "The Bush Telegraph" four times a year. This contains information on growing native plants and projects that are being undertaken by the Bush Society.

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has supported the Addington Bush Society for the establishment of native plant habitats in the Addington area involving local schools, residents and community groups.

With very limited funds the Bush Society has achieved a great deal in building community at the base level. Many small nurseries have been set up in back yards where people nurture native plants until they can be planted out on various projects within their area. All seedlings are locally sourced to ensure genetic viability.

The Bush Society wishes to expand its area of community involvement through an ambitious plan to plant the sides of the Southern Arterial Motorway. Negotiations have taken place with Transit NZ who have agreed to the proposal and are providing further land for a native plant growing area for the project.

Grants already made to the Society recently from Boards, Council and Community Funding Committees are as follows:

Year	Source	Project	Amount
97/98	Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board	Publication	\$200
98/99	Riccarton-Wigram Community Board	Potting mix/plants for schools in the area.	\$1,000
98/99	Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board	Potting mix and planting	\$1,500

Mike Peters, from the Bush Society, has speaking rights and will give a short presentation in support of this funding request.

**Recommendation:** That the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board grant \$1,000 from 1998/99 Discretionary Funds to further support the

Addington Bush Society's efforts in establishment of native plant habitats in the Spreydon and Heathcote ward areas.