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The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an update on progress in the expenditure of Board funding allocated previously as part of the 1998 Annual Plan process.

It will be recalled that the Board, annually, has the opportunity to allocate the sum of \$250,000 for priority projects in its community. In last years allocation the funding was distributed among three main categories viz. City Streets, Parks, and Community Projects.

At the November 1998 meeting, progress reports were provided on the City Streets and Parks projects and, with a view to avoiding duplication, this report provides information related only to “Community Projects”. Although brief comment on progress was reported during the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee on 2 December 1998, the opportunity is now taken to more formally report the progress to the Board. The following table sets out comment relating to each of the individual projects.

Project	Sum Allocated	Comment
Aurora Centre (final grant)	\$20,000	This sum is held, together with other Council funds allocated, by the Director of Finance pending release when the project approaches a commencement date.
Community Funding (top up)	\$30,000	The Community Funding process is scheduled for May, at which time the ‘top up’ will be added to the other funding available for allocation. A report on the overall funding allocation will be submitted to the Board in approximately July.
Cultural Festival (Jellie Park)	\$6,500	At the November 1998 Board meeting it was resolved that this funding be reallocated to the “Have a Go” at Sculpture Event at Avice Hill. The Board has sought a report on the outcome from the alternative event at which time it will consider whether there should be a return to a locally provided cultural festival.
Bishopdale Public Toilets (upgrade)	\$5,000	Work on this upgrade commenced in January. It has been necessary to temporarily close the toilets while the work is in progress.

Community Initiatives	\$10,000	\$5,000 allocated in (June 1998 for the 'Native Trees Please' project at Yaldhurst Bush. The balance of \$5,000 is to be considered by the Board at its February 1998 meeting.
Millennium Projects	\$10,000	\$5,000 has been earmarked for a planting project in the general area of the Memorial/Russley intersection. The balance of \$5,000 is to be considered by the Board at its February 1999 meeting.
Tree Audit/Register for Merivale/Fendalton area	\$4,500	Work, under a Task Force Green employment scheme, commenced in Merivale and has now moved to the general Fendalton area. Further information will shortly be available for members on the outcome of this work.
Jellie Park-Skateboard/Rollerblade facility	\$25,000	This is still the subject of discussion regarding the best site available.
Kidsfun After School Programme	\$8,000	This relates to a programme now in place at Bishopdale School. The programme is running successfully.
Merivale Concept Plan-Implementation (Staged)	\$30,000	This plan is presently before the Merivale Joint Working Party. A report on progress is to be submitted to the Board shortly.
Community Van -Partnership with St Aidans	\$1250	This allocation is provided for ongoing subsidy in the operation of the community van.
Burnside Bowling Club-carpark extension	\$5,750	Funds yet to be uplifted.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.