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Corporate Plan Output: Community Activities	

The purpose of this report is to update Board members of progress regarding the ‘pilot’ Bryndwr Youth Employment Project which relates to the CCC Community Development and Social Well-being Policy, 1996.

BACKGROUND–THE NEED

The need for this initiative was identified in an extensive research project undertaken in the area, and is a development of recommendation three (‘Bryndwr Consultation’, March 1996).

The research also noted that many ‘at risk’ young people have difficulty accessing large centralised youth training programmes elsewhere in the city.

During the term of the last Board \$5,000 was allocated for this initiative.

RESPONSE

This initiative is a local response building on local resources to meet an identified need. It involves the establishment of a unique three-way partnership drawing joint co-operation from five local churches under the umbrella of the Combined Bryndwr Community Support Society Trust, Social Service Agency–Family and Community (a division of Anglican Care), and the Christchurch City Council.

FORMAT

To individually contract 12 ‘at risk’ Bryndwr youth on a six month upskilling/employment programme. The programme will run from 8.30am–3pm (approximately) Monday–Wednesday. The purpose of this course is to prepare young people aged 16-19 years for work or further education. It is also designed to increase self esteem and confidence. The recreational components aligned to this programme including any funding requirement will be requested through the Board’s allocation of project funds for 1999/00.

Kelley Galvin has been contracted as the Youth and Training Co-ordinator, and will be assisted by appropriately skilled volunteers. Each course participant will be allocated an individual mentor.

The venue for the programme will be St Aidan’s Church, Brookside Terrace.

The course will be carefully monitored and evaluated in terms of identified course outcomes.

REFERRALS

Young people will be referred to the programme through local networks such as Ruth Nathan, Community Worker, FASTA Youth programme co-ordinator, Counsellors at Burnside High School, WINZ Papanui, etc, etc.

CONFIRMED FUNDING SOURCES

Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board	\$ 5,000
Safer Community Council	\$ 5,000
NZ Employment Services	\$ 16,800
Canterbury Development Corporation	<u>\$ 6,800</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 33,600</u>

Currently, there is funding to run **one** six month programme.

Planning is underway for the first course to start in February 1999.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's

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