

12. SPREYDON-HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the deliberations of the Community Funding Committee.

The Spreydon Heathcote Community Funding Committee met on 13 and 17 May 1999 to consider applications for both the Hillary Commission Community Sport Fund and the Christchurch City Council Community Development Scheme.

A total of 87 applications were received with over \$143,000 requested to help fund over \$312,000 worth of projects. The funds allocated by the Committee are outlined in the attached summary sheets.

A city-wide trend for the first Community Development funding round of 1999 has been a significant increase in the number of applications. You will note from the attachments sixteen Community Development applications were declined, mainly due to funding constraints. To this end, the Funding Committee resolved to request the Board consider allocating \$5,000 to the Community Development scheme from 1999/2000 Community Project and Development fund. These additional funds would be tagged for applications with outcomes related to community safety from crime, health and education, and would be divided between the second round of 1999 and the first round of 2000. Currently two Community Boards allocate additional funds to the Community Development Scheme, namely:

- Hagley/Ferrymead allocate \$10,000
- Fendalton/Waimairi allocate \$30,000 (this is split approximately 75%/25% respectively between Community Development and Hillary Commission).

Officer's Comment

In light of the high demand for this Fund and the many worthwhile projects, Officers recommend that an additional \$5,000 from the 99/00 Discretionary Fund be allocated to the 99/00 Community Development Scheme. This would mean a total of \$10,000 be allocated to the Community Development Scheme which equates to an additional \$5,000 for round two of 1999 and round one of 2,000. An additional \$10,000 would make a more significant impact to community groups applying for funding.

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$5,000 from the 1999/2000 Community Project and Development Fund and \$5,000 from the 99/00 Discretionary Funds to the Community Development Scheme on condition the funds are tagged for applications with outcomes related to community safety from crime, health and education.

**Chairman's
Comment:**

The Chairman comments that he is a member of the Funding Committee, and while he supports the thrust of the recommendations, the Board must consider the difference in accountability and terms of reference between the Board and the Funding Committee. The Board may prefer to directly make grants to bodies declined by the Funding Committee.