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The purpose of this report is to seek Board funds for an operating grant to enable the Papanui Community Watch group to continue. Brian Palmer will be in attendance to speak to this application and answer members' questions.

A letter has been received from its Treasurer as follows:

"The Papanui Community Watch has been operational for over five years and over that period has had a considerable impact on the crime scene in the Papanui Police District. The PCW works in close liaison with the Papanui Police and an Officer from the Papanui Police Station attends our regular Committee Meetings in an advisory and supporting capacity.

As the Watch has been functional in your area for some considerable time now I am sure that your Board will be familiar with what we are trying to achieve and also the extent of our work to date.

The Papanui Community Watch has very limited access to funds and to this end has been entirely dependent on grants from the two Community Boards that our area serves, together with practical assistance from the police which includes supplying the Community Watch car with all our petrol requirements. In addition we do have some sponsors, the main one being the Royal Sun Alliance Insurance Company which has provided the vehicle and meets the registration and registration costs. Maintenance costs for the car area are met from our own funds. In November 1997 an application was made for a grant to your Board and we were grateful to receive \$1000. At the time we indicated that with a similar grant from the Fendalton/Waimairi Board that should have enabled us to cover our financial needs for the next two years. Our financial situation has been seriously affected by the necessity to have urgent and unexpected repairs to the vehicle for which an account of \$900 has just been paid. That has left the PCW in the dire financial position of having only \$144 in our bank account and putting the ability of the Group to continue on for much longer without some urgent financial assistance. Members of the Group besides giving of their time in going out on regular day and night petrols have been involved in some fundraising and received some proceeds from a stall at the Styx Happening in March this year and also helped with catering at a seminar run by the City Council for which we received \$600. The Committee has targeted a number of commercial premises, which are regularly patrolled with a view to making personal approaches for assistance by way of some form of sponsorship or one-off grant. The Papanui Community Watch is fulfilling a need in the district overall but it will not be possible to continue for very much longer if the Community at large does not provide practical assistance.

The Papanui Community Watch therefore seeks your favourable response to our request for a grant in the vicinity of \$1,500. An application for a similar amount has been sent to the Fendalton/Waimairi Board. The following statements in support of the application are included:

1. Annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 1999, together with Auditors report.
2. Statement of proposed expenditure for 12 months period to 31 March 2000.
3. Statement of income and expenditure for period 1 April 1999 to 14 June 1999.
4. Letter from the Papanui Police.
5. Statistical report for 1998/99 year.”

The supporting documents have been circulated under separate cover to Board members.

**Recommendation:** That the Board consider making a grant of \$1,500 from its 1999/2000 Discretionary Funds to the Papanui Community Watch.

**For discussion**