

4. METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the grants which have been made so far this financial year from the metropolitan community development discretionary budgets. This information was requested at the October 1999 Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Council has in its budget the following discretionary items which are administered by the Community Relations Unit:

Community Safety – Discretionary Funding	\$ 100,000
Community Initiatives – Discretionary Funding	\$ 60,000
Community Wellbeing – Discretionary Funding	\$ 30,000
Children and Young People – Discretionary Funding	\$ 58,920

These funds are to support metropolitan community groups which work towards the outcomes of the Community Development and Social Well-being Policy (and the Children's and Youth Policies as appropriate).

Applications are referred to the Committee for decision if they are for new initiatives or for more than \$20,000. Other applications are assessed against the policy and decided under delegated authority by the Community Relations Manager, using the process outlined in Appendix One.

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

The following grants have been made from each category this financial year. Those marked with an asterisk were decided by the Community Services Committee.

Community Safety – Discretionary Funding

Deaf Society of Canterbury (Chairlift)	\$ 1,000
Hepatitis C Support Services (rent)	\$ 5,000
START (operating costs)	\$ 10,000
<i>Funds remaining</i>	<i>\$ 84,000</i>

Community Well-being – Discretionary Funding

Family and Community Division (Anglican Care) (operating costs)	\$ 30,000 *
<i>Funds remaining</i>	<i>Nil</i>

Community Initiatives – Discretionary Funding

Tama Atu Hau Niuean radio programme (operating costs)	\$ 715
Community Law Centre (training conference)	\$ 1,000
Canterbury Volunteer Centre (Employees in the Community)	\$ 13,000 *
<i>Funds remaining</i>	<i>\$ 45,285</i>

Children and Young People – Discretionary Funding

Te Rakau Hua O Te Wao Tapu (drama therapy)	\$ 2,500
Brat: All ages launch of compilation CD (18 youth bands)	\$ 2,000
<i>Funds remaining</i>	<i>\$ 54,420</i>

CONCLUSION

The majority of applications have been received by community groups in an urgent financial situation. In no case has financial ‘mismanagement’ been the reason for this. Instead, anticipated and regular sources of income have reduced or there has been an unexpected increase in the demand on services provided. The Christchurch City Council is one of the only sources of assistance for groups in these situations and the ability to respond as required is perceived very positively within the community sector.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information is received.
 2. That an update on the spending of these funds is provided as part of the Community Relations Unit six-monthly monitoring report.

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- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.