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Corporate Plan Output: Social Initiatives Funding and Monitoring	

The purpose of this report is to discuss a request for funding by the Family and Community division of Anglican Care.

INTRODUCTION

Requests for community group funding which are greater than \$20,000 are required to be considered by the Community Services Committee. The Family and Community division of Anglican Care has approached Council with a request for \$30,000 to support its eight community projects.

BACKGROUND

Family and Community Division is part of Anglican Care, a non-profit church social service organisation. It is ecumenical and secular in its approach. The Family and Community Division is a major contributor to projects in Christchurch which seek to work with people on low incomes and others who are vulnerable and at risk. Projects are developed by working with local groups to respond to identified local needs.

The Family and Community Division works to empower the more marginalised and at risk people in the community through empowering community development processes. Since 1991, the Family and Community Division has developed partnerships with the City Council in Linwood, Waltham, Addington, Hornby, North New Brighton, Bryndwr, Aranui and Dallington in response to identified local social needs. Community Boards have provided funding for these projects as part of the partnership agreement. Further partnerships have been developed in Fendalton, Papanui, Linwood and Shirley to undertake local community needs, research, facilitation and project development. The partnership agreements entered into by the Council and the Family and Community Division articulate the roles and responsibilities of partners, detailed project timelines and clear objectives.

Each of the projects listed above depend on the back up of the Family and Community administrative research and training base at 30 Surrey Street. Here they have access to a community work library, telephones and other support. Professional supervision and staff development of the community development workers are also provided centrally through the Family and Community Division.

FUNDING REQUEST

The Family and Community Division requests \$30,000 to support the provision of professional support and mileage for community workers and a salary top-up to ensure equity both across the organisation and with comparable jobs elsewhere. This is a

one-off application for support. The costs (inclusive of GST) of supporting the eight projects are:

Professional Support	\$17,800
Mileage	\$2,942
Worker salary increase adjustment	\$11,500

DISCUSSION

The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care is the City Council's main partner in working towards the outcomes of the Community Development and Social Well-being Policy through community projects. This application has been assessed against the outcomes of the Community Development and Social Well-being Policy and a record of this is attached as Appendix One. This organisation has worked with Community Boards and Service Centre-based staff to ensure that the partnerships entered into are clearly understood and address the needs of all concerned.

Locally-based projects are usually developed in discussion with Community Boards and Council support is provided through Community Board's discretionary funds. This request has been deemed 'metropolitan' and directed to the Community Services Committee for the following reasons:

- The organisation is the major partner of Council in this area and has developed projects across the city. This could be considered a metropolitan response at a local level.
- The identified funding need is common to all of the projects Council is currently involved with. In keeping with concerns about the burden already placed on community organisations by funding processes, it would be unhelpful to suggest that the Family and Community Division makes six separate approaches to Community Boards to seek this support.
- The discretionary funding available in the Community Relations Unit budget is available to respond to community groups in emergencies, or where they face new or unusual circumstances. This situation fits these criteria in that the Family and Community Division has already expanded its service provision to meet local need and is now over-stretched in terms of funding and available support as a result.

CONCLUSION

Anglican Care is applying to the Community Services Committee for this grant because it is not able to sustain support for the wide range of projects it is involved in. In particular the requirement for administrative and other support has increased markedly since many of these partnerships were entered into. This application is supported by the assessment against the Community Development and Social Well-being Policy. Rodney Routledge from Anglican Care will be present at the Community Services Committee to add to this information and to answer any questions the Committee may have.

Recommendation: That the Committee support this application and grant \$30,000 (plus GST) from the Community Well-being Discretionary Funding.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** For discussion.