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Corporate Plan Output: Board Project Funds	

The purpose of this report is to provide recommendations on the distribution of the Board's Year 2000 Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For several years the Board has been making provision from its Project Funds for a special fund to be available to mark the Year 2000. This fund now stands at \$41,700. The Board at its meeting on 5 May 1999 resolved to distribute this fund to encourage people in the community to celebrate the Year 2000 with a permanent reminder and to invite applications for grants from the fund to interested organisations. This was done by letter and by advertising in the Observer and Pegasus Post, as well as by way of an advertisement in the Christchurch Star which supported this project with a short article as well. The Board at this meeting agreed upon guidelines for the distribution of this fund.

THE OUTCOME

Considerable interest was generated in this fund by the letters sent out and by the advertising. Service Centre staff fielded a large number of enquiries from those contemplating applying for funds and did their best to explain to intending applicants the Board's guidelines and the necessity for submitting funding requests which were for projects which would "provide a tangible and permanent reminder of the Year 2000", as required by the Board's guidelines.

In the event, 32 organisations applied for funding.

The subcommittee of Bob Todd, Anna Crighton and Linda Rutland set up by the Board to consider these funding applications met on 16 September 1999 to review the requests received and to make recommendations to the Board.

The subcommittee was concerned to note that most applicants for funding did not comply with the Board's guidelines.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

The subcommittee recommends that the Board make the grants which follow from the Year 2000 Fund.

HAGLEY WARD

Project

\$

Frances L Ryman

630

Research and contribution towards publication of a book produced to commemorate the Year 2000 and the Linwood Pioneers' contribution to the Year 2000 outlining historic buildings in the Englefield area, a walkway route which will incorporate these and a study of architecture through every decade from 1850 to 1980. This publication will include historical features and events as well and the characters and contributors to early Christchurch history who lived in the area.

Te Whare Roimata

2,385

Two projects to be a celebration of life in the inner city community and by its people.

Project 1. – Developing a sculpture garden in the proposed grounds of the Linwood Community Arts Centre – sculptures depicting the past, present and the future incorporated into a scented garden setting. Old roses, combining plants symbolising the present and the cultures of the area would be incorporated.

Project 2. – Carving a mural to go on the outside wall of the Whare at Gloucester Street depicting in symbolic form the history of the Inner City East community, its people and future. Carving assistance would be provided by local people.

Linwood Community House Inc

1,050

A painting of the Millennium Sunrise – a focus on a new beginning for everyone.

Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Parish of Avonside

1,800

Supply and installation of two seats in the grounds of the church beside its grave yard, each seat marked with a plaque which would refer to the Year 2000.

Hagley Community College

900

To create a permanent Year 2000 memorial encompassing the past history of the College by incorporating commemorative stones from two oak trees planted at the College in 1863, the key stone of the old brick building and 25 rose bushes donated by teaching staff some 20 years ago. A covered outdoor seating area for students and staff is planned as well as a photographic display in a suitable watertight frame. The project is to be known as the "Westonian Memorial Garden".

The subcommittee recommends that the Board provide funding for a seat for this commemorative garden.

St Mary's School 600

To build a tile wall. Each child at the school in the Year 2000 will be given a tile on to which the child will paint, name, date of birth and a picture of school life. The tiles will be glued on to a backing board, framed and affixed to the wall nearest the school entry.

Victoria Neighbourhood Group 2,685

To complete a record of domestic housing in the Victoria area during the Year 2000, to capture a series of high quality photographic images of the individual houses, to be stored in archival quality sleeves. The resulting archive images would be placed in the Canterbury Museum.

Phillipstown Free Kindergarten \$500

To plant a row of heritage type native trees to compliment the existing long term project of replanting with native species original to this area. This planting will be accompanied by a time capsule containing copies of archival photographs and records dating from the 1920's, current photos and records along with art work from the children. The plantings will be marked with a memorial plaque.

Native Trees Please 5,000

(A commitment already undertaken by the Board)

Total **\$15,550**

FERRYMEAD WARD

Sumner-Redcliffs Historical Society Inc 2,500

To restore the monument in Clifton Bay back to the original state it was in when the Sumner Borough Council amalgamated with the Christchurch City Council in 1945.

The monument marks the site of the first Canterbury Association Store which was built in 1849/50 and, apart from the Deans' buildings, was the first building in the present Christchurch City Council area. The store was used to hold timber for early Christchurch buildings as well as other items for Christchurch which had arrived by sailing ship from Lyttelton and other areas and it was also used as a warehouse to hold export items from Christchurch before the Lyttelton tunnel was built.

Woolston Primary School 500

To develop a "Millennium Wall" on the inside wall of the school/community hall. Former pupils and staff will have the opportunity to have a plaque stating their name and years at the school.

Heritage Youth 150

To fund 1,000 children's pocket calendars to be available to all school children for the new term at the beginning of the year 2000. The calendars will be distributed to Heathcote Primary and Mt Pleasant Primary Schools as well as to visitors to Ferrymead Historic Park. The Subcommittee is also recommending that the applicant be asked to provide these calendars to Bamford School.

The calendars will be produced at the Ferrymead Print Shop by some of the young people involved with Heritage Youth as a learning project. Heritage Youth is a young persons group which operates at Ferrymead Historic Park.

Port Hills 2000 3,000

To upgrade and plant the Bridle Path on the city side of the Port Hills to mark both the Millennium and the 150th anniversary of the founding of Christchurch. This project will identify the path up the hill by planting groves of kowhai and other native shrubs and trees and by doing so will provide shade and shelter for those using the path.

It is intended that women's groups will plant the trees and shrubs proposed beside the pathway.

Samoan Congregational Christian Church 2,000

The applicant was seeking funding to provide a Millennium Garden and a Year 2000 Avenue to commemorate the completion of the new church last year and the new community hall which is to be completed in the first part of the year 2000.

The subcommittee recommends that the Board provide funding for four specimen trees.

Native Trees Please (Ferrymead area) \$5,000

(A commitment already undertaken by the Board).

Total **\$13,150**

Wherever possible, it will be suggested to the unsuccessful applicants where they might make an approach for funding for their project.

The balance of the Year 2000 Project Fund remaining unspent is \$13,000.

The subcommittee recommends that the Board consider two options for the spending of the balance of the fund as follows:

1. That the Board determine projects to be supported from this fund and that the funding distributed be divided equally between the Hagley area and the Ferrymead area.
2. That the Board divide the balance of funds equally between the two Wards and consider using these funds to provide two tangible and permanent reminders, one in the Hagley Ward and one in the Ferrymead Ward of the Year 2000.

Subcommittee's

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board approve the schedule of recommended grants shown above.
 2. That the Board determine how it wishes the remaining balance of this fund to be spent.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:** That the Board approve the schedule of recommended grants and consider how it wishes the remaining balance of this fund to be spent.