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The purpose of this report is to suggest a change to the objectives of the Youth Sponsorship fund.

**PRESENT OBJECTIVES**

Presently the Board sets aside \$5,000 per year towards Youth Sponsorship. This fund has been used to allocate funds to local High Schools and to two other community groups for the purposes of helping students from limited income families to attend camps.

Over the past few years the reporting back on the usefulness of these grants has been somewhat indifferent. This suggests that the funding does not add “high value” to the projects. It may be timely to review the objectives of this fund.

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

An alternative use of the fund may be one which is similar to the “Youth Development Scheme” administered by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board. The objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance for the development of young people. A copy of the criteria and other information relevant to the Riccarton/Wigram Youth Development Scheme is attached for reference.

**DISCUSSION**

The Papanui Service Centre often fields enquiries from young individuals and groups for assistance towards travel, competitions, events and programmes. Unfortunately, many of these worthy requests have to be turned away. Such a scheme would not exclude the possibility of camps as presently funded under the Youth Sponsorship Fund – but would enable a much wider and more responsive scheme.

**Recommendation:** That the Board amend its Youth Sponsorship Fund in line with the criteria used by the Youth Development Scheme (Riccarton/Wigram).

**Chairperson’s**

**Recommendation:** That the officer’s recommendation be adopted and that the Sponsorship Committee meet to consider the criteria.