

20. HOON HAY YOUTH CENTRE FUNDING REQUEST

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The purpose of this report is to request the Board allocate \$2,990 to the Hoon Hay Youth Centre for the purposes of a salary top up for the position of the Drop in Centre Supervisor.

Background

The Hoon Hay Youth Centre applies to a number of funding agencies for salaries for the following positions:

- Centre Coordinator
- Drop in Centre Supervisor
- Learning Centre Supervisor
- Youth Worker

In August 1999 the Youth Centre applied to COGS (Community Organisations Grants Scheme) for a salary top up for both the Drop in Centre Supervisor and the Centre Coordinator in addition to funding for power and associated “running costs”. \$2,000 was allocated for power and associated costs with no allocation made for salary top ups. This has meant there is a salary shortfall of \$2,990 and \$7,000 for the Drop in Centre Supervisor and the Centre Coordinator positions respectively.

The Youth Centre will be applying to the Community Trust early this year for the Centre Coordinators top up. Upon contacting COGS in relation to the allocation the Centre Coordinator was informed the decrease in allocation merely reflected the shortage of funds available to distribute.

Funding Request

The Drop in Centre Supervisor is employed through a Job Plus Scheme with the Youth Centre contributing \$115 per week for the salary top up. The position is 30 hours per week with the contract running from 1 December to 31 May. The shortfall amounts to \$2,990.

Duration	Salary Top Up	Total Funding Request
26 weeks	\$115	\$2,990

The Beckenham Service Centre made an urgent allocation of \$800 in December to enable the Youth Centre to pay the full salary for December and January as a temporary measure until the February Board meeting. The \$2,990 request includes the \$800 allocation.

Board Objectives and Council Policy

The Drop in Centre Supervisor plays a vital role within the centre. Providing funding assistance to the Youth Centre contributes to achieving the following Board Objectives and Performance Indicators:

5. To promote community safety from crime
 - 5.1 Support Community Safety projects, and work in effective partnership with Community Police
6. To promote a healthy community
 - 6.3 Support youth/recreation facilities
8. To promote social cohesion in the Spreydon Heathcote Community
 - 8.4 Identify, liaise with and support individuals and groups who serve and build the community.

Outcomes from the Community Development and Social Well-being policy are also addressed by supporting the Hoon Hay Youth Centre.

Please note a schedule of past Christchurch City Council funding allocated to the Hoon Hay Youth Centre is included in the attachments for further information.

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$2,990 from its 1999/2000 Discretionary Fund to the Hoon Hay Youth Centre for the purposes of making up the shortfall in salary for the Drop In Centre Supervisor.