

13. PROJECT FUNDS – 2000/01

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The purpose of this report is to provide a proposal for the Board to consider for allocating the additional \$50,000 Project Funds 2000/2001, made available to each Community Board

The funds must be allocated by 31 May 2000.

In granting the additional funds at its 24 March meeting, the Council resolved:

- 1) That the Community Board Funding Policy adopted by Council in December 1989 (as updated in 1991 and 1996/97) be amended by:
 - i. Increasing the total (including SCAP) by \$50,000 to \$380,000 per board per annum.
 - ii Providing for up to \$60,000 per Board to be used for unbudgeted expenditure provided it is supported by a resolution of the Community Board. The remainder to be allocated to projects by the Board before the Annual Plan Working party meets to prepare its draft plan (i.e. by mid-February).
- 2) That Community Boards be advised that:
 1. They have the same ability to make multi-year funding commitments as the Council Standing Committees and full Council and that where appropriate they should do so to support community groups in their area.
 2. The additional \$50,000 should be used as a contribution towards the funding of community worker positions within community based organisations on an ongoing basis.
 3. The Council expects priorities and funding for local community groups to be determined by Community Boards and that the provision of the additional \$50,000 is intended to avoid the need for Community Boards to request additional funds from the Council.
 4. All projects should be subject to:
 - a) Specification of clear performance indicators, outcome expectations and reporting requirements.

- b) Where the funding is for a position with a community group, confirmation that the appointee is adequately experienced and qualified.
- c) Funding for second or subsequent years being conditional on satisfactory performance.

A copy of the full report and resolutions is attached.

At the discussion on the current draft annual plan, presented to elected members, Councillor Close indicated that this funding could be used to support current community workers already in place. For instance funding could be made for administrative support, or projects.

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As there are a number of community worker funding opportunities which require further investigation, it is suggested that the additional \$40,000 project funding be allocated for Community Work Special Projects. This would give the Board and staff time to identify priorities that could best assist the community. For instance, Avebury House is one area which will require some funding during 2000/2001. However, the Board needs further information and discussion on how best to support this and other areas. Staff are also currently looking at a Needs Analysis for Sumner-Redcliffs, Bromley and Heathcote which will identify areas where funding could be a priority.

2. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS 2000/2001

The Board may add up to \$10,000 of the additional funding to its present Discretionary Funds, making a total of \$60,000 for allocating throughout the year.

Members are also reminded that the 2000 Draft Annual Plan provides each Board with \$30,000 towards Strengthening Communities projects.

- Recommendation:**
- 1. That \$10,000 be added to 2000/2001 Discretionary Funds.
 - 2. That the \$40,000 additional project fund be allocated to Community Work Special Projects, and that staff report to the Board in August of priorities on community worker and/or support projects.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendations be adopted.