

18. PROJECT FUNDS – 2000/01

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The purpose of this report is to provide proposals 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.

Members will be aware that in granting the additional funds, the Council resolved:

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.

All projects should be subject to:

1. Specification of clear performance indicators, outcome expectations and reporting requirements.
2. Where the funding is for a position with a community group, confirmation that the appointee is adequately experienced and qualified.
3. 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 should be used to support current community workers already in place. For instance funding could be made for administrative support, or projects.

A number of applications have been received to fund existing community workers working through other agencies. Some of these agencies have received previous Board funding. In order to give the Board and staff sufficient time to fairly assess these applications and identify possible new positions, it is suggested that the \$40,000 be added to the Board's Community Services Fund making a total of \$70,000. This additional \$40,000 could still be tagged to be allocated to community workers and community worker support initiatives, and allocated under the same criteria as the Community Services Fund.

**Chairperson's
Recommendation:**

1. That the additional \$40,000 be added to the Board's Community Services fund.
2. That Committee of the Board comprising the Chairperson; Deputy Chairperson, Ingrid Stonhill and Sally Thompson meet to consider applications that fit within the criteria and refer back to the Board.