3. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FROM DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: THE HUI WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA 2000 TE WAI POUNAMU ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to present information in regard to the Hui Whakawhanaungatanga 2000 Te Wai Pounamu and to recommend approval of the Hui discretionary grant application by the Community Services Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Hui Whakawhanaungatanga 2000 Te Wai Pounamu organising committee applied for a Christchurch City Council Discretionary Fund grant on 24 August 2000. The hui is a national event "held every two years for government and non-government Maori service providers and volunteers who work in the area of social services, iwi and community development".

"The whakaaro (thought) behind the formation of a national hui that carries the name, Hui Whakawhanaungatanga, is:

'Kia kotahi ai I nga mea katoa o te tangata, kia kaha tonu I te whanau, kia mau tonu ki nga mohiotanga mai I nga kete e toru, kia noho tika te whakahaere, kia kaha tionu te Mana Tangata

To humbly gather and share the generations of wisdom and knowledge, to enhance and progress our families, while retaining our tikanga.""

The initial concept of the bi-annual hui came from those Maori who attended a national Child Protection Conference held in Otautahi Christchurch in 1995. The hopes and dreams for children and families ('Nga tumanako me nga Moemoea') expressed by Kaimahi Maori at that conference were the catalyst for the establishment of a bi-annual Hui Whakawhanaungatanga.

THE PROGRAMME

The programme (for an expected 300+ people) is organised to:

- Provide a forum which enhances whanaungatanga nationally for the Maori involved in delivering social service
- Promote capacity and capability building in iwi and Maori communities
- Address issues of violence and abuse in whanau, hapa and iwi
- Provide workshops dealing specifically with the area of health promotion
- Provide a forum to discuss political and funding issues

HUI APPLICATION

This application is to support the attendance of Christchurch kaumatua at the Hui. The organising committee has applied for \$5,000 to cover the Hui registration cost of Kaumatua. Given the close proximity of the Hui venue (Lincoln University), the opportunity exists to extend an invitation to Christchurch-based kaumatua, who could readily attend if personal Hui costs were kept to a minimum.

The approval of this application will enable the Hui committee to support 12 local kaumatua at a cost of \$380 per head, and to subsidise kaumatua shuttle costs to and from Christchurch.

Clearly, it is important that Kaumatua attend the conference to provide their wisdom, whakaaro and guidance with all the delegates. However, many kuamatua come from humble backgrounds and could find the registration fee personally prohibitive. The Hui committee would like to be able to cover the registration fee for as many Christchurch-based kaumatua as possible.

HUI BUDGET

The Hui committee have estimated costs at \$200,000 and are expecting to receive \$114,000 income from registrations (approximately 300 at the time of application). Child, Youth & Family, Ngai Tahu Development Corporation, Te Puni Kokiri and the Ministry of Health are contributing to make up the \$80,000-plus shortfall remaining.

THE PROCESS

This application is outside the normal "emergency/shortfall" criteria of the Community Well-being/Community Development criteria of the Christchurch City Council Discretionary fund. The application is therefore being supported through the process provided for such applications, i.e. presentation to the Community Services Committee for decision.

2. That the Committee approve the application of \$5,000 from the Christchurch City Council Metropolitan Community Well-being Discretionary Fund to support the registration of local kaumatua for the Hui Whakawhanaungatanga Te Wai Pounamu 2000.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be approved.