

26. COMMUNITY FUNDING – BOARD RESPONSE FUND

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Corporate Plan Output: Community Services Advocacy and Funding	

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Board introduce a process to enable it to respond in a timely manner to community requests for funding that need a decision between Board meetings.

The recommendation in this report is in line with –

Community Board Objectives:

Key statement number 2

- enhance social well being and strengthen communities.

And performance measure 19

- Provide resources to assist community initiatives.

Social Well Being Policy Priorities:

- Ensure fair distribution of resources
- Reduce barriers to access

Community Policy Points:

- 1.1 Work with local communities and organisations to increase the capacity of communities.
- 1.2 Operate Council community funding schemes in ways which maximise their value to the communities.

PROPOSAL

The Hagley-Ferrymead Community Board receives applications and allocates discretionary funding at monthly Board meetings. It is proposed that a process be put in place to enable the Board to respond in a timely manner to urgent requests for funding. From time to time funding requests are received by the Advocacy Team where release of the funds is required before the next decision-making meeting of the Community Board

It is suggested that \$10,000 be allocated from the Board Project Funds as a Response Fund for community requests for funding and that the Board Chair, Vice Chair and two members of the Community Development Funding Committee approve funding requests in liaison with the Community Advocate.

Approved requests for funding would appear in the Community Advocate's monthly report.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board allocates \$10,000 from its Project Fund for community requests for funding.
 2. That the Board Chair, Vice Chair and two members of the Community Development Funding Committee approve funding requests in liaison with the Community Advocate.
 3. Approved requests for funding to be reported in the Community Advocate's monthly report.

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Recommendation: For discussion.