

## 20. WAI ORA TRUST APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to report on an application from Wai Ora Trust for funding in the current financial year to meet the cost of a community garden project, and also to support Council funding for a Schools Education Programme.

### BACKGROUND

In September the Board considered a report and background information on the above two projects. The matter was referred to the Boards Community Gardens representatives. The matter was also referred to Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board as the Wai Ora property is within that Board area. A copy of the information has been circulated separately to Board members, this includes proposed budgets for the two projects.

The application was for - \$20,000 for the Schools Education Programme; and \$5,000 for a Community Gardens Programme, making a total of \$25,000.

The representatives from the two Boards and staff met at Wai Ora with the Trust on 8 November to discuss the applications further.

After a visit round the site and discussion, it was decided that the application for \$25,000 towards the Programmes should be referred to the Metropolitan Funding Committee for consideration, as the Programmes are open to schools from throughout the city. However the application has missed the funding round for the current financial round. It could also be considered for the Social Initiatives funding which is presently being reviewed.

To assist Wai Ora Trust for this financial year, all the Community Boards could consider making a grant towards the project of up to \$4,200 each.

### FUNDING SOURCES

Should the Board wish to make a grant the following funds are available:

<i>Community Services Fund</i>	<i>\$19,000</i>
<i>Discretionary Funds</i>	<i>\$21,980</i>
<i>Strengthening Communities Fund</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>

The project meets the criteria for each of these funds and also meets the Board's Objectives 'To Maintain and Enhance our Clean Green Image' and 'To Promote Recreation, Leisure and Continuous Learning', by supporting community gardens, waste reduction and supporting partnerships with schools.

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board's Finance Committee is recommending to its Board that this request be further reviewed by the two Boards Community Garden representatives.

**Recommendation:** That the report be referred to all Boards for consideration of funding for 2000/2001, and that this application be forwarded to the Metropolitan Funding Committee and the Social Initiatives Review team for consideration for funding in 2001/2002.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That the report be referred to the Chairpersons forum.