

23. BURWOOD COMBINED CHURCHES COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESEARCH

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Corporate Plan Output: Board's Project and Discretionary Allocations	

The purpose of this report is to seek the Community Board's funding support for a proposed six-month community outreach research project in Burwood. The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care and the Social Work Department of the University of Canterbury will jointly undertake the research work.

Following on from a series of community workshops held by the parish of All Saints Anglican Church Burwood two community wide workshops were held in May 2000. Representatives attended these workshops from eight neighbouring churches of Burwood and Parklands.

The workshops identified a wide range of community issues and concerns and a wide range of community services being undertaken by a variety of community and church groups.

A Burwood Combined Churches Committee has been formed to develop the findings of these workshops further. The workshop participants signalled a strong commitment to further explore ways of how the social needs in this Burwood Road, Mairehau Road, Burwood Hospital, Travis Road, Bassett Street, New Brighton Road and the Lake Terrace Road area can be addressed.

A full list of the workshop findings and a proposed budget is attached to this report.

CONCLUSIONS

The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care has a very strong and successful community development history that involves creative partnerships with local churches, community organisations, private enterprises, the Christchurch City Council and a number of its Community Boards. Funding support has included community worker salaries, programme costs, administration overheads, rental costs, purchase of properties and community research projects.

This proposed community development project would be the fourth such project to be co-ordinated by the Family and Community Division within the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board area. The Board has already allocated \$60,000 from its 2000/01 Project Allocation budget with the possibility of further funding support for community programmes being lodged by the Division during the year for consideration by the various funding streams administered by the Board.

In the research project budget provided by the Division it appears that there is no funding support being made at this stage by the participating Burwood Churches.

It is important to note that alongside this application I am working with a number of community development and youth initiative projects which all will be contesting funding support at some stage from the Board. These include the City East Church, the Burwood Christian Centre, the Shirley Youth/Palms project, the New Brighton Residents' Association, the Wainoni/Aranui Family Centre, the Otakaro/Wainoni Residents' Association and Mangamaunu ki Waitaha.

There is also the community projects that will evolve out of the currently being held and proposed youth worker forums, hui with Maori organisations, fono with Pacific Island peoples and from the Community Centres, Youth Recreation Needs and the Recreation Arts and Sport research/plans.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board confirm its continued support for the community development projects being co-ordinated by Anglican Care's Family and Community.
 2. That the Board consider a funding contribution from its 2000/01 Discretionary Allocation budget and/or recommend funding support consideration from the Strengthening Communities Action Plan Committee.
 3. That a funding level for consideration be \$5,000.

Chairperson's Recommendation: For discussion.