

14. SUMNER OUT OF SCHOOL CARE AND RECREATION SERVICES (SOSCARS)

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update on funding allocated to the SOSCARS programme and to seek confirmation of action recommended by the SOSCARS Working Party.

The Board at its 2001/2002 Funding Meeting received a deputation from Maree Agnew, Supervisor of SOSCARS where she outlined their current financial crisis and inability to meet operating expenses.

The Board provided the sum of \$10,000 from the 2000/2001 project funding set aside for SOSCARS building relocation for use to address the operating shortfall. This \$10,000 was originally carried forward from 1999/2000 to assist SOSCARS with the urgent need to relocate from the Sumner School Hall.

When a sum is carried forward and then the proposed use for the sum is changed a formal proposal for the new use must be made. A formal application has been received from SOSCARS for this funding to be used for running expenses and was tabled at a meeting of the SOSCARS Working Party on 22 March.

The SOSCARS Working Party discussed the best way the Board could support SOSCARS ongoing provision of out of school programmes in Sumner, which they totally supported. The areas of concern highlighted were financial management and the split of employer and employee decision-making responsibilities. All the functions – management, administration and practical operation of the programme – seemed to rest with Maree Agnew, the Supervisor. The Community Development Adviser, Penelope Goldstone, advised that the Christchurch City Council has a contract with the OSCAR Network who could provide a management support service for the SOSCARS management committee and recommended using this avenue to review the management committee and the financial structure. The OSCAR network would meet and seek ways of helping with the management structure and assisting the current management committee.

The Working Party agreed that the Community Advocate should prepare a report for the Community Board seeking its approval for the change of use for the Board Project Funding subject to the following conditions:

That the Board request the OSCAR network review SOSCARS operations and management structure and report back to the Community Board with its findings.

That the Board advise Maree Agnew and the management committee of this decision and that once SOSCARS has agreed to accept the review, the Board would forward the funding of \$10,000 which has been offered.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board approves the change of use of the \$10,000 carried forward from 1999/2000 for SOSCARS building relocation to meet the existing shortfall in SOSCARS operating expenses.
 2. That the Board agree to the above conditions recommended by the Working Party.
 3. That the working party that has been involved in Early Childhood Education and Out of School Programmes be re-established by the Board as a subcommittee.

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Recommendation: That the recommendations be adopted.