

16. COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND

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Corporate Plan Output: Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board funding	

The purpose of this report is to request that the Board consider allocating \$5,000 from its Discretionary Fund to a Community Response Fund.

In November 2000 the Board introduced a process to enable it to respond in a timely manner to community requests for funding that need a decision between Board meetings. From time to time funding requests are received by the Advocacy Team where the release of funds is required before the next decision-making meeting of the Board. The Board allocated \$10,000 from its funds for such community requests for funding.

It is recommended that \$5,000 be allocated from the Board Discretionary Funds as a Response Fund for community requests for funding and that a similar process to that adopted in 2000/2001 financial year operate for this financial year. It is recommended that the existing Funding Committee approve funding requests in liaison with the Community Advocate until the 20th of October and a new committee is established at the inaugural Board meeting with two members from the Hagley Ward and two members from the Ferrymead Ward.

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

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board allocates \$5,000 from its Discretionary Fund for community requests for funding that need decisions prior to the next Board meeting.
 2. That the Funding Committee (Bob Todd, Derek McCullough, Aaron O’Brien and Linda Rutland) approve requests in liaison with the Community Advocate and recommend that the new Board establish a Funding Committee to continue the process.
 3. That approved requests for funding to be reported in the Community Advocate’s monthly report.

Chairman’s Recommendation: That the recommendations be adopted.