

15. NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT - CANTERBURY

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Corporate Plan Output: Board Discretionary Funds	

The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider a grant to Neighbourhood Support - Canterbury.

Members will recall that Commissioner John Reilly and Simon Chambers, Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator, made a presentation to the Board's July meeting to explain the establishment of Neighbourhood Support - Canterbury. Neighbourhood Support throughout New Zealand is now under the direct management of such groups, with a national body Neighbourhood Support New Zealand. Previously, Neighbourhood Support had been managed by the Police, but funded through various sponsors. At present there is no national sponsor. Funding of \$5,000 was being sought from each of the Community Boards, and applications were also being made to Lotteries Grants, Pub Charities and other appropriate organisations.

Burwood/Pegasus and Fendalton/Waimairi Boards have each granted \$5,000. To date the other Boards have not been approached.

Recommendation: That a grant of \$5,000 be made to Neighbourhood Support - Canterbury from Strengthening Communities Fund, towards the employment of the Co-Ordinator.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.