

4. WAI ORA TRUST APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to forward an application from the Wai Ora Trust for funding in the current financial year, 2000/2001, to meet the cost of a community garden project, and also to support Council funding for a Schools Education Programme in future years.

BACKGROUND

In September the Shirley/Papanui Community Board considered a report and background information on the above two projects. The matter was referred to the Board's Community Gardens representatives. The matter was also referred to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board as the Wai Ora property is within that Board's area. A copy of the information has been circulated separately. 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. It could also be considered for the Social Initiatives funding, which is presently being reviewed. However, the application had missed the funding round for the current financial round.

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. The proposal was considered by the Chairs and Community Advocates Forum on 23 November, where it was agreed that the proposals be forwarded to each Board for consideration in February 2001. In the meantime the application should be referred to the Metropolitan Funding Committee and the Social Initiatives Review team. It should be noted that Wai Ora has received a grant from Major Grants in the current Annual Plan, however the proposal under review now is for an additional project.

Recommendation: That the Board consider funding of the Wai Ora Trust for 2000/2001, and support the forwarding of this application to the Metropolitan Funding Committee and the Social Initiatives Review Team for consideration for funding in 2001/02.