

5. 4YP YOUTH ENTERTAINMENT PROJECT

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The purpose of this report is to provide additional information in support of our Annual Plan bid for \$40,000 for the 4YP Youth Entertainment Project

The 4YP Youth Entertainment Project has been running for eight years. Its mission is to provide safe, quality, low cost entertainment for secondary school aged young people in Christchurch who are not old enough to enter licensed premises. The project meets a researched need for alcohol and drug free entertainment for young people in this age group.

The project runs at least five major and 12 community-based monthly events for young people each year and also provides event management advice and assistance to community groups running events for young people.

25,000 young people attended 4YP events over the 1999/2000 financial year. Seven major events and 15 community-based events were run.

The total budget for the project is \$92,000. Revenue of \$25,000 comes in from user fees and sponsorship. \$50,000 of the budget is used to fund the events and the other \$42,000 for the costs of the project co-ordinator and administration costs.

For several years the Community Trust have provided the project with \$40,000 funding, and the Council has provided \$52,000. Recently the Council introduced a process for prioritising funding applications made to external funding agencies, so that Councillors are aware of the range of applications being put forward and that the funding agency can be assured that the Council supports the application. As part of this process two essential criteria were established as well as a number of optional ones. The essential criteria are:

- (i) The project must provide significant social, economic and/or environmental benefit;
- (ii) The project sits substantially outside normal Council service delivery activities.

If a project does not meet the essential criteria it will not be forwarded to the funding agency.

Providing entertainment/recreation activities for young people is now well within the scope of “normal Council service delivery activities” so the 4YP Project can no longer be considered for Community Trust funding.

The loss of \$40,000 funding will significantly impact a programme which is unique in Christchurch in terms of providing quality, consistent entertainment which is drug and alcohol free for under-age young people.

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