

5. SCAP FUNDS 2000/20001

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board on the allocation of SCAP (Strengthening Communities Action Plan) funding for the current financial year.

BACKGROUND

Board members will recall that in the 1999/2000 financial year the Board received \$30,000 for projects identified under SCAP. The Shirley/Papanui (SCAP) plan was researched and completed by Sue Cobb early in 2000. Funding was allocated to the following organisations:

1. Te Kaupapa Whakaora (\$4,000) for a graffiti busting project.
2. SARA (\$3,000) as a contribution to the work that was being done by their Youth Worker that benefitted youth in the Shirley area of the city.
3. Northlands Youth Worker Advisory Group (\$10,000) towards overheads and activities for youth in the Northlands area. This was the Board's contribution towards a partnership that saw the establishment of the Papanui Community Youth Worker.
4. "Boil-Up" programme (\$2,000) towards costs. "Boil-Up" is a mentoring programme aimed at youth-at-risk and supported by Te Kaupapa Whakaora, Te Ora Hou and Waiora Trust.
5. Delta Community Trust (\$11,140) towards the "Live to the Max" programme – a programme of self help, peer support and individualised development plans for disadvantaged people in the Richmond area.

REVIEW

Over the past year a number of initiatives have begun, indicating the need to review each of the projects allocated funding through SCAP.

1. A Legal Art Co-ordinator has been employed by the Christchurch City Council who has already been actively involved in the Board's area. The Co-ordinator is working with youth workers in the Papanui area. Furthermore, the instigator of the graffiti-busting project in Papanui is soon to cease work with his employing agency. Hence, there is no need to fund this project in 2000/01.
2. A network of various youth agencies and workers have been established in the Shirley area with a few local responses initiated. This has meant that there is a reduced need for the St Albans Youth Worker to be involved in the Shirley area.
3. Further development of youth initiatives in the Papanui/Northlands area suggest that the youth worker partnership will be shifting its emphasis to assisting with the development of a Youth Facility.
4. The "Boil-Up" programme has had a hesitant beginning due, in part, to illness and untimely death, of one of the key Co-ordinators. Hence, there is little need for Community Board funding at this stage.
5. The "Live To The Max" programme run by Delta Community Trust has been operating successfully since early in 2000. The programme has been successful because:

- (a) participants self-evaluate using a profile questionnaire designed by Delta;
- (b) participants set their own goals in areas of concern;
- (c) each person has three-fold support (one to one with a professional support group and a support friend within the community);
- (d) assessments are made at the beginning of the course, at the end and three months after completion, thus providing timely and relevant feedback.

Funds last year assisted with the employment of the co-ordinator for the scheme. The programme is now employing two support workers (as well as the Co-ordinator). It is also running three groups, plus a Friendship Club for individuals not quite ready to enter a "Live To The Max" course. One of the groups has just finished and was based at the old St Aidens Hall in Emmett Street. With expansion the costs of salary for the Co-ordinator have increased to \$18,000. The full budget of this project is \$35,233.

OTHER PROJECTS

Since last year's disbursement of funds a number of new initiatives have arisen which clearly assist in the process of "strengthening the local community". These include:

1. Belfast Community Co-ordinator

Members will recall that a report was presented to the previous Board meeting outlining the background and details of this project. The purpose of this position is to "facilitate and enhance existing programmes within Belfast by helping to co-ordinate and strengthen community organisations". A person who is well qualified and/or experienced in community development is sought. The budget for the position is as follows:

<i>Salary (full-time, One year)</i>	\$35,000
<i>Supervision (\$60 per month)</i>	720
<i>Training/Courses</i>	200
<i>Administration</i>	2,000
Total	<u>\$37,920</u>

2. Shirley Community Trust

Members will recall that the old "Plunket Building" in Shirley was made available to the Shirley Community Trust.

The recently completed Shirley Needs Assessment has recommended a number of actions and programmes that the Shirley Community Trust is ideally situated to deliver on - including community development, support for children and families and support for youth. The budget for this work in the Shirley area by the Trust is:

Revenue

<i>Community Projects</i>	\$1,615
<i>Wage Subsidies</i>	11,271
<i>Grants - projected</i>	51,500
<i>- allocated</i>	10,000
<i>Sponsorship</i>	4,000
<i>Interest/donations</i>	1,200
Total	<u>\$79,586</u>

Expenses

<i>Shirley Needs Assessment</i>	\$100
<i>Friday Community Meal</i>	1,520
<i>Pre-employment Training</i>	3,700
<i>Community Cottage</i>	4,620
<i>Community Garden</i>	1,500
<i>Neighbourhood Support</i>	400
<i>Wages</i>	42,198
<i>Overheads</i>	25,290

Total \$79,328

Capital Expenses

<i>Vehicle</i>	\$6,000
<i>Community Cottage</i>	2,000
<i>Community Garden</i>	2,000

Total \$10,000

DISCUSSION

Each of the three programmes requiring funding contribute to the main priority for SCAP, “To improve people’s sense of belonging to and being part of the community”.

There is a further \$25,000 still available in the SCAP fund, plus approximately \$19,000 available in the Community Services Fund (a total of \$44,000).

Recommendation: A suggestion allocation of this combined funding (\$44,000, plus \$1,000 from Discretionary funding) is an equal contribution of \$15,000 to each of the following:

1. Delta Community Trust.
2. Belfast Community Co-ordinator.
3. Shirley Community Trust.

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the officer’s recommendation be adopted.