

**13. INVESTING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
(OHINEMUTU, ROTORUA, 2-6 APRIL 2001)**

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding support from the Board to assist local community development workers based in the Burwood/Pegasus area attend this conference.

Such funding support would meet Goals 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 of the Community Policy and would significantly assist the City Council/Board meet the outcomes and priorities of the Social Wellbeing Policy through such support for local community development agencies.

BACKGROUND

The Conference is being jointly hosted by the Community Development Group of the Department of Internal Affairs, the Pacific Island Development Trust, the Rotorua District Council, the Rotorua Ethnic Council, the Confederate Tribes of Te Arawa and the International Association for Community Development.

The overall theme of the conference has been titled "Putting people first, Protecting the environment, Rebuilding local economies". A copy of the draft programme is attached.

Registration costs (this includes accommodation and meals) are \$300 for community groups and \$450 for government departments and institutions. Air travel costs range from \$250 to \$400.

ADVISER COMMENTS

In talking with local community development workers there is a strong indication that this conference will create significant opportunities for community work training, for personal development, to participate in case studies within local, national and overseas experiences, for the sharing of the differing community ways of working and to listen and learn from one another's stories.

In talking with other funding agencies there is an indication that, hopefully, travel and attendance subsidies will be available from the Community Development Group, the Community Employment Group and the Community Workers Association of Canterbury.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board allocate up to \$1,500 of Project and Discretionary funds as a subsidy to assist community development workers attend the April 2001 Community Development Conference in Rotorua.
 2. That there be a maximum subsidy of \$250 per organisation.

- Chairperson's Recommendations:**
1. That the Board allocate up to \$1,000 of Project and Discretionary funds as a subsidy to assist community development workers attend the April 2001 Community Development Conference in Rotorua.
 2. That recommendation 2 be adopted.