

26. FUNDING FOR YOUTH INITIATIVES FACILITATOR

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The purpose of this report is to request that the board consider the provision of a salary for a Youth Initiatives Facilitator.

The recommendations in this report are in line with –

Community Board Objectives:

Key statement number 2

- Enhance Social Well- being and strengthen Communities
- Objective – Consider the needs of identified groups, particularly those of the elderly, youth and children and include their contributions in decision-making where possible.
And performance measure 19.
- Provide resources to assist community initiatives.

Social Well Being Policy Priorities:

- Ensure services are co-ordinated and appropriate to community needs.
- Reduce barriers to access of services and resources.

Community Policy Points

- 2.2.3 Develop partnerships with communities and community groups.
- 3. Ensure Council activities are based on community needs and capacities.

From the consultation process undertaken in 2000, the written research that was done prior to 2000 (Youth needs in Linwood), the written research undertaken in 2000 (Sumner/Redcliffs, Bromley/East Linwood and Heathcote) and during discussion with the Linwood Forum, Linwood Liaison, community workers, groups and individuals the needs of youth in this area have been under discussion. A working group of Claire Milne (Phillipstown Community Centre), Pauline Laufutu-Simpson (Linwood Resource Centre) and Lynnette Ebborn (Christchurch City Council) have developed a proposal to place a Youth Initiatives Facilitator under the umbrella of the Linwood Liaison group. (Job Scope circulated separately).

It needs to be clearly stated that this position is not one of a youth worker working with individual youth on personal development. It is a position that would work towards the bringing about of concrete action with regard to existing services and future needs, possibly leading to the development of a youth facility.

The Linwood Liaison group, is a group that has its focus on Youth Issues and sitting within the community was seen to be an obvious umbrella organisation for this position. The Linwood Liaison group will need to do some work on putting in place proper processes for becoming a good employer. However, the feeling is that this can be done quite easily and the three members of the working group are prepared to be involved in this process and to ensure proper financial and ethical processes are in place.

The cost of this position includes not only wages but also costs associated with the workers physical positioning. The ongoing nature of this position needs to be acknowledged. This funding will be for a salary from March 2001 to March 2002. I will be asking the Board to consider this as an ongoing commitment from project funding for 2002 to 2003.

Recommendation: That the Board approve the use of \$30,000 for the employment of a Youth Initiatives Worker from 2000/2001 Community Board Project Funding; \$23,000 from the Community Project Work Fund and \$7,000 from the Strengthening Community Fund.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion.