

**5. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK, RICCARTON
ASSISTANT YOUTH WORKER, HORNBY**

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The purpose of this report is to request funding from the Youth Initiatives Project Funds to top up the salary of a Task Force Green, assistant Hornby youth worker (\$8,800).

1. Background

In August 2000 the Hornby Youth Worker, Lael Schwartzfeger presented his annual evaluation and report to the Community Affairs Committee. One of the main issues identified by Lael was the need for a female assistant who could address the specific needs of young women as well as provide appropriate individual support and follow up..

As a result of this gap in services for Hornby youth CDN Trust intends to employ a female Task Force Green worker to work alongside Lael, who will oversee and supervise the position. At this stage the CDN Trust sees this position as a one-year appointment with ongoing support for female youth in Hornby being provided by volunteer leaders and increased networking with existing agencies. A full time Task Force Green worker will help establish these networks.

The outcomes expected by CDN of this position are as follows;

- Improved networks with Hornby Mall and other Hornby agencies as appropriate.
- Run three family days.
- Increased involvement of females in CDN programmes in Hornby.
- Increased ongoing contact with female young people.

The Task Force Green Worker will work 37 hours per week principally on the following tasks;

- Liaise with Hornby Mall re difficult in trouble 10-17 year olds.
- Help prepare and organise interkids programmes.
- Help prepare and organise Hornby Teens weekend.
- Attend all Hornby programmes.
- Work with other Hornby agencies to see flow over to their programmes.
- Prepare and help run Hornby holiday camps twice a year including follow up.
- Run female only programmes for teens and intermediates.
- Attend community meetings as appropriate.

2. Costs

CDN will gain the bulk of the funding for the Task Force Green worker from WINZ. For a Task Force Green (TFG) Worker the payment CDN will receive per week is \$190.20 excl GST. This amounts to \$5.43 per hour for 35 hours. While the CDN needs to discuss the policy regarding what wage should be set for an Assistant Youth Worker they have been informed it is likely to be in the range of \$9.10 per hour. At 35 hours per week, \$10.00 per hour equates to \$350 per week, a shortfall of \$160 per week. Therefore the shortfall between the TFG funding and a typical wage for Assistant Youth Worker, for a 12 month period, will be approximately \$8,300. Expenses for transport, photocopying and other miscellaneous would amount to an additional \$500.

Unfortunately CDN cannot use the ACE top-up scheme for this position as it has been tagged for another TFG worker to assist the Riccarton Youth Worker, Dave de Rols. Only one ACE top-up is provided per annum per organisations. Also ACE only provide topup funding for six months.

3. Christchurch City Council Youth Policy and Youth Strategy and Riccarton/Wigram Board Objectives

According to the Christchurch City Council Youth Policy, the Christchurch City Council is committed to developing, supporting and promoting initiatives which positively contribute to the safety and wellbeing of young people, their families and communities.

One of the roles of the Christchurch City Council identified in the Youth Policy is to resource, provide and support services for young people in partnership with other agencies where appropriate.

The Hornby Youth Worker Project has been an extremely successful partnership between the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and Community Development Network Trust. Over the last three years it has developed a number of new programmes and initiatives. The employment of a female assistant would enhance and extend the services already provided and would fill the gap in relation to the specific needs of young women in the Hornby area.

The Riccarton/Wigram Board Objectives (2000) include:

- To implement the outcomes of existing research which addresses the social wellbeing needs in the Riccarton/Wigram community.

The Community Secretary advises that the balance of funds in the Youth Initiatives Project Funds (2000/01) is \$11,100.

Funding the CDN request for the female youth worker will leave a balance of \$2,300 in the Youth Initiatives Fund.

Recommendation: That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board allocate the amount of \$8,800 towards the position of a Task Force Green youth worker assistant for Hornby from the Youth Initiatives Project Funds (2000/01).

Chairman's Recommendation: That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.