

8. **SPREYDON-HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE**

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the deliberations of the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Funding Committee for the second Hillary Commission and Community Development funding round of 2000.

Funding Allocations

The Funding Committee met on Monday 6 November and Thursday 9 November 2000 to consider applications for both the Hillary Commission Community Sport Fund and the Christchurch City Council Community Development Scheme.

A total of sixty three applications were received with approximately \$75,000 requested to help fund \$218,935 worth of community sport and community development projects. The funds allocated by the Committee are outlined in the attached summary sheets, with a total of \$30,855 allocated. Similarly to the March 2000 round, there were more Community Development than Hillary Commission applications.

At the May 2000 meeting, Board members may recall a similar funding summary report indicating the Funding Committee's resolution to make a submission to the Annual Plan process for the level of funding in the Community Development Scheme to be raised in line with that of the Hillary Commission Sport fund.

The outcome of this was as follows:

- There will be an increase of Community Development funding from \$1.10 per head of population to \$1.30. This amount will be in place for the March round in 2002.
- The split of Community Development Funds between the Local Funding Committees and the Metropolitan Committee will be changed from 50/50 to 55/45 respectively. This change will take effect for the March round in 2001.
- Combined, these changes will mean Community Funding Committees will have an additional \$9,100 to \$9,600 to allocate.
- The Hillary Commission split between the Local and Metropolitan Committees will be changed from 70/30 to 60/40 respectively. This change will be in place for the March 2001 round. The effect of this is a drop of approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 per annum to allocate. The reasons for this were two-fold, namely many Local Funding Committees have been carrying forward substantial sums each year, and the Metropolitan Funding Committee has been allocating a higher percentage of funding to priority one projects.

Finally, at its last meeting the Spreydon-Heathcote Funding Committee resolved to hold one funding round per year. Whilst the Committee recognised that smaller clubs may be more adversely affected in the short term by this decision, it was agreed that it would:

1. Streamline the process
2. Ensure equal access to resources

The following provisions have been put in place to assist the community with this change:

- (a) Staff hold additional smaller Community Development and Hillary Commission workshops for community and sporting groups (in addition to larger combined funding seminars).
- (b) The Committee contact assigned community/sporting group representatives to invite them to workshops and provide information about the schemes.
- (c) Provide extra support for the smaller sports clubs where possible.

Recommendation: That the information be received.