

10. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND - CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF GRANTS

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Board with appropriate information so as to establish agreed criteria for the allocation of monies from the Community Board's Youth Development Fund.

BACKGROUND

At the Board's 2001/02 year Project Allocation meeting on 13 February 2001 the Board established a Youth Development Fund with an allocation of \$2,500 as a way of assisting the personal development of young people living in the Burwood and Pegasus wards. The Board formed the Youth Development Funding Assessment Committee to work with the Community Development Adviser to establish eligibility and funding criteria.

Information regarding similar youth funding schemes was sought from each of the Council's Community Board areas. The criteria being provided for the Community Board to consider is closely aligned to that followed by the Shirley/Papanui Community Board. A "shared" Community Board criteria is being recommended as many of the requests for such youth funding are from families and groups seeking support for individual young people whose interests/activities cross both Community Board boundaries.

Copies of the Shirley/Papanui criteria were forwarded to the Youth Development Fund Assessment Committee members Glenda Burt and Don Rowlands and to the Community Board Chairperson Chrissie Williams.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The grant must be for a young person aged between 12 and 25 years living in the Burwood or Pegasus wards.
- There must be an obvious benefit for the young person and, if possible, for the wider community.
- The need for assistance must be proven.
- The fund is open to all purposes.
- A maximum grant of \$250 that takes into account the cost of the event/activity/course/project and the need of the young person.
- The benefits of attending/participating in the event/activity/course/project should be in line with the 2001/02 Community Board Objectives and with other objectives and principles such as those relating to the Burwood/Pegasus Youth Recreation Needs Study and the City Council's Youth Policy and the Social Wellbeing Policy.

Application and Decision-making Criteria:

- Applications by letter and only by the young person and/or his/her family.
- Groups are not eligible.
- Applications can be made at any time with a decision made jointly by the Youth Development Fund Assessment Committee and the Community Development Adviser either:
 - As the applications are received with quarterly reports to the Community Board, or
 - Considered quarterly (say February, May, August and November) with the decisions reported to the Community Board.

Though it is recommended that all purposes are eligible/open for consideration there may be a need for further discussion on this as, for example, the fund could be exhausted in one round due to a number of requests from individual young people to attend/participate in the same event/course, etc. An alternative response to this issue is that the Community Board allocates further Discretionary monies to the Fund.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the eligibility, application and decision-making criteria outlined in the report be approved for the Youth Development Fund.
 2. That the grants be recognised as a subsidy up to a maximum of \$250.
 3. That a brochure on the Youth Development Fund be printed with the costs met within the Burwood/Pegasus Advocacy Team's photocopying budget.

- Chairperson's Recommendation:**
1. That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.
 2. That the Youth Development Fund Assessment Committee consider applications quarterly, as required.