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The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board consideration on the funding support requests from the The Freedom Clinic Trust, the Christchurch Music Society (One Love Concert), and the Christchurch Early Intervention Trust (Champion Centre).

Project information and supporting documentation on each request has been circulated separately to Board members.

The Freedom Clinic Trust

The Trust was established in June 2001 to formalise the community research work that had been undertaken over the past nine months regarding health and medical needs in the Northeast of Christchurch. The Trust aims to provide or facilitate free or subsidised healthcare, social and community services in Northeast Christchurch to those who would not otherwise be able to afford or access such services. A basic premise of the Trust is that pure "medical" complaints are frequently only one aspect of the health and well-being needs of people, particularly those in the most socio-economically disadvantaged sectors of society. It is the Trust's vision to establish a service that will address the wellbeing of its clients across a holistic spectrum of medical, psychological, social, educational, spiritual, employment, housing and other social and community needs.

The Trust is seeking a grant of up to \$5,000 to assist in meeting the establishment costs of the facility's Community Room, which will be available for the running of community health services, programmes and courses; community information workshops; for the display of community notices; for the distribution of community health and community service pamphlets and newsletters and as a social meeting place for local residents.

The aims of the Trust are based on a very successful similar health care clinic (The Kingdom Clinic) in Opawa that began operating in 1995 and currently has a patient base of 3,500. The community research completed by the Trust's Steering Committee included meeting with as many as possible Northeast Christchurch community based groups to assess support for such a health clinic, to identify community health needs and to explore ways of working co-operatively with existing community and social service providers. Trust members presented their proposal to the September 2001 Burwood/Pegasus Community Networking Forum and received strong support for the project from the 26 organisations present.

The Clinic facility at 160 Bowhill Road (formerly a medical centre) is due to open on 30 November 2001. The Trust is currently working with St Andrews House and the Northeast Community Development Scheme in running a training course for budget advisers. The Trust has received commitments for the provision of free services from a dentist and two counsellors. The Trust has employed a Community Liaison Officer to establish strong links with other health, social and community service providers. The work of the Community Liaison Officer will include assessing the needs of the medical clinic's patients and then linking them in with the agencies appropriate to their needs.

A full list of equipment and furnishing costs has been provided. The Trust has budgeted for an estimated \$142,000 in initial establishment costs and 12 months of operating costs. These establishment and operating budget figures are for the building renovation/refurbishment costs and for the running costs of the "non-medical" services. The general medical services the Trust provides will be self-funding through Government Medical Subsidies.

This application meets:

- Community Board Objectives 2.6.
- Community Board 2002/03 Key Issues Planning Statement of community participation, coordination/facilitation among community organisations, community centres.
- Priorities 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 of the City Council's Social Wellbeing Policy.

The March 2001 Quality of Life in New Zealand report states (page 49):

“Poor access to health care, especially preventative health and early intervention services such as those offered by GPs, partly explains the link between socio-economic status and health.”

“Social, cultural and economic factors influence the use of preventative and treatment services and the more affluent generally have better access to high quality health services.”

“Therefore, improving the affordability of general practice services, and addressing issues of availability and appropriateness of services for different ethnic groups would assist with reducing socio-economic differences in health status.”

In a 1999 Ministry of Health report on national health trends the Ministry reported:

“that people in lower socio-economic groups have poorer health status and a higher incident of disability than the general population.”

The report went on to say:

“that the exact reasons are not always well understood, but the Ministry identified that they are related to differences in (including) socio-economic circumstances, such as income and labour-force participation, education and housing.”

In a 1999 Christchurch City Council report on Poverty and Hardship in Christchurch the findings on health showed:

“that 70% of those putting off treatment from a doctor did so because of affordability problems. Respondents used a variety of methods to cope without the treatment they needed, sometimes with adverse effects on their health.”

The 1996 Census figures show that the North Beach and Rawhiti districts are higher than the Christchurch median for Maori and Pacific People populations, one parent households, people with no education qualifications, unemployed, people receiving income support and are below the Christchurch annual family income median. The two primary schools in the area have a Ministry of Education Decile 4 rating.

In July 2001 the Community Board allocated a \$5,000 grant to a similar community based community health care facility at Nga Hau e Wha Marae.

Christchurch Music Society - One Love Concert

Over the past four years the Christchurch Music Society has organised and held a multi-cultural and free concert on Waitangi Day at the New Brighton amphitheatre.

The Society is seeking a \$7,500 grant from the Community Board/City Council to assist in meeting the 2002-year concert operational costs.

The concert is a combination of contemporary music, cultural performances, contemporary dance and urban artworks. The concert is an opportunity for local young groups to perform in front of their families, friends and peers and is a way of celebrating the diverse cultures of this city whilst educating and informing the audience about the issues affecting them. The performers are strong role models and along with entertaining attempt to get a message across. An estimated 2000 people attended last year's 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm concert.

Depending on the level of funding secured by the Society the Waitangi Day 2002 concert will be held between 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm and will include cultural performance groups; local rock, reggae and hip hop bands; urban and street art; skating; fashion; surfing; and BMX demonstrations. The 2002-year concert is working towards a \$32,000 operational budget.

This application meets:

- Community Board objectives 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 4.2 and 5.1.
- Community Board 2002/03 Key Issues Planning Statement of community participation, co-ordination among community organisations, youth, community facilities, relationships with cultural organisations, New Brighton.

- Recommendations from the Board's 2000 Youth Recreation Needs Study relating to establishing social interaction areas around the New Brighton Mall; encouraging the provision of music events on the foreshore or local parks.
- Priorities 5, 6, 8 and 9 of the City Council's Social Wellbeing Policy.
- The purposes of the Board's Strengthening Communities Action Plan.
- Outcomes and Objectives of the Council's Arts and Culture, Children and Youth policies.

The Board, through its various discretionary funds, has supported the One Love concert over the past four years with grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. This concert is advertised across the city as a citywide event.

Christchurch Early Intervention Trust – The Champion Centre

Dr Patricia Champion established the Champion Centre in 1978 as a doctoral research project at Canterbury University. The Centre works with children from 0-5 years whose normal development has been delayed by a range of causes including Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, sensory impairment, babies that have been born premature, disabling genetic conditions, brain damage, and those at risk of developing autistic spectrum disorders. The Centre is based on the grounds at Burwood Hospital.

The Trust is seeking Community Board support of \$12,000 towards the construction of a new \$65,000 playground and \$9,000 towards the \$163,000 annual operating costs of their Educational Support Programme. During the past two years, due to the increased demand for the Centre's services and the re-designing of health services based at Burwood Hospital by the District Health Board, the Centre has re-located from very cramped conditions in Ward 4 to a refurbished section of the former Nurses Hostel.

Currently 120 children attend one of the 25 weekly small group half-day programmes where they and their parents/caregivers meet individually with a wide range of therapists. An additional ten children are seen fortnightly with a further 45 children being monitored at regular intervals without having to attend clinics. A playroom, music therapy and computer assisted learning are used as appropriate to each child. Families/whanau are supported by social workers and education support workers throughout the programme. The Champion Centre aims to equip children for life in the community and that involves moving on from the Centre into mainstream educational settings. The Education Support Workers work with the child, the parents/caregivers, the Centre's Clinical Team and with pre-school and primary school staff to design and implement an individual Development Plan for the child to ensure that all aspects of the child's development are included when the child enters its pre-school and primary school education.

Major income sources for the Trust include ACC, CFA, the Ministry of Education, Special Education Services, the District Health Board, donations/grants and from parent fees.

Though based in the Burwood/Pegasus area the Centre's clients come from all over Christchurch and Canterbury.

This application meets:

- Community Board objectives 2.6.
- Community Board 2002/03 Key Issues Planning Statement of community participation, coordination among community organisations, development of alternative playground experiences.
- Priorities 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of the City Council's Social Wellbeing Policy.
- The purposes of the Board's Strengthening Communities Action Plan.
- Outcomes and Objectives of the Council's Equity and Access for People with Disabilities, Children and Youth policies.

In a 1999 Christchurch City Council report on Poverty and Hardship in Christchurch the findings on health showed:

“that 48% of respondents said they were living with someone in their household who had a physical disability. 37% felt that they were missing out on or not getting help for the disability.”

In a 1999 Ministry of Health report on national health trends the Ministry reported:

“that people in lower socio-economic groups have poorer health status and a higher incident of disability than the general population.”

The report went on to say:

“that the exact reasons are not always well understood, but the Ministry identified that they are related to differences in (including) socio-economic circumstances, such as uptake of health and disability support services.”

At its July 2001 meeting the Board allocated \$3,000 towards a \$34,000 playground project at Ngaire Larcombe Kindergarten and at the September 2001 meeting \$2,000 was allocated to a \$24,000 playground project at the South Brighton Playcentre.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board recommend to the Council that the Freedom Clinic Trust be allocated \$5,000 from the Board's Community Development Initiatives Fund as a contribution towards the Clinic's Community Room establishment costs.
 2. That the Board recommend to the Council that the Christchurch Music Society be allocated \$1,000 from the Board's Discretionary Fund as a contribution to the costs of the Waitangi Day 2002 One Love Concert subject to:
 - (a) All the necessary consents being obtained and all the appropriate health and safety procedures being in place to officers' satisfaction.
 - (b) Any further Council funding support being negotiated with the appropriate Civic Council unit that as this concert is a metropolitan event.
 3. That the Board recommend to the Council one or more of the following options as a contribution towards the work undertaken by the Champion Centre:
 - (a) Grants from the Board's Discretionary Fund of \$2,000 for the playground and \$3,000 for the Educational Support programme.
 - (b) A \$2,000 grant from the Board's Discretionary Fund towards the costs of the new playground area only.
 - (c) That the Board reconsider a funding contribution for the 2002/03 year at its February 2002 Project Allocation meeting and/or.
 - (d) Funding support from the Council's Major Grants metropolitan funding stream for the 2002/03 year, as the Centre's work is a city-wide project.