

4. PROJECT EARLY CHARITABLE TRUST

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The purpose of this report is to request funding support for Project Early Charitable Trust.

BACKGROUND

Project Early is a family support early intervention programme targeting children and families from eight primary schools, seven kindergartens and one kohanga reo in eastern Christchurch.

The focus of the project is to reduce academic and social risk through early intervention based on a comprehensive integrated case approach involving both home and school.

Target group is children aged 5 to 9 years. Participating schools are:

Hagley/Ferrymead	Linwood Avenue School	Decile 2
Burwood/Pegasus	Aranui Primary	Decile 1a
	Wainoni Primary	Decile 1a
	Central New Brighton Primary	Decile 3
	North New Brighton Primary	Decile 4
	Freeville Primary School	Decile 4
	Avondale School	Decile 5
	South New Brighton	Decile 6

Referrals:

68% male
66% families on income benefits
25% families Justice Department contact
33% mental illness
92% high family stress
17% history of suspensions

Reasons for referral: non-compliance, violence, disruption

Evaluation: this is a proven successful intervention programme. It has metropolitan impact [University of Auckland]

Benefits:

- Improvement in school and neighbourhood behaviours
- Improved education achievements, attendance at school
- Stronger family management/parenting skills development
- Healthier family and schools relationships

General comments:

It was established in 1995 by local primary schools to address household issues/situations that were restricting children's learning and recreational development. 86 families were involved in 2001. The project is not located in schools with Field Worker Support.

FUNDING SUPPORT

The project costs approximately \$120,000 per year to run. Previously funding has been obtained from the following sources:

FUNDER	1999/2000	2000-2001	2001/2002
CCC	\$30,000 +gst	\$40,000 + gst (Nov 2000 - \$10,000) (Jan 2001 - \$30,000)	\$40,000 no gst (paid Oct 2001)
MOE	\$44,444	\$37,333	*\$23,333
DCYFS	\$15,260	\$15,260	\$24,533
Westpac Community Trust	\$3,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Donations	\$20,000	\$12,000 Carlisle Trust	\$38060
Other Income	\$680	\$463	\$9,756
TOTAL	\$113,384	\$125,056	\$131,149.00

The Council has contributed \$30,000 in 1999-2000, \$40,000 in 2000-2001 and \$40,000 2001-2002. This has been reduced to \$25,000 from July 2002 due to the project now not being viewed as Metropolitan. Burwood Pegasus Community Board has agreed to a one off \$10,000 grant. Ministry of Education funding will cease from 2002.

The Ministry of Education and local Members of Parliament are to be invited to discuss the issue of gaps in funding for projects which the Council believes should be core funded by central government.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board makes a one-off funding grant of \$2000 to Project Early Charitable Trust
 2. That the Board makes strong representation to their local Member of Parliament for realistic and sustainable Ministry of Education funding.

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Recommendation: That the officer's recommendations be adopted.