

3. PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR 2003/04

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The purpose of this report is to outline the Project Proposals to be prioritised by the Board for submission to the Christchurch City Council Plan: 2004 Edition and the process for considering applications for the Board's 2003/04 Project and Discretionary funds.

BACKGROUND

The Board has recently hosted two public meetings to provide community organisations with an opportunity to raise proposals for consideration. An opportunity was also provided for written submissions.

Proposals were invited on both possible projects for the Council and for the Board's Project and Discretionary funds for 2003/04.

PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL PLAN

The attached schedule lists proposals from the public, the Board and staff for possible inclusion in the Annual Plan for 2003/04 or the following financial years. Proposals submitted by the Board last year or considered by the Board during the year are identified as originating from the Board.

The Board is required to prioritise the proposals before forwarding them to the appropriate Council Business Units for possible inclusion in the Annual Plan.

The Board is reminded that the Council has indicated that for the next two financial years (2003/04 and 2004/05), expenditure will be limited within the current forecasts. This requires any new projects or programmes in those years to be funded by substitution from existing commitments or from the Board's own funds.

The Council has also made a commitment to identify opportunities to achieve considerable expenditure reductions and revenue increases in its operating budget totalling at least \$10 million for 2005/06.

It is suggested that the Board prioritise the project proposals as follows:

C	On current budget	3	Important (Year 4, 5 and beyond)
1	Urgent priority (Year 1)	-	Not supported
2	High priority (Year 2,3)		

PROPOSALS FOR BOARD PROJECT AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

A list of initial applications made for Board Project and Discretionary funds for 2003/04 and other items funded on a regular or an ongoing basis has been circulated separately to Board members. It is intended that the applications be researched and a comprehensive report be prepared for the Board's allocation meeting in February 2003.

Specific proposals from the Leisure Unit will also be prepared for the February meeting.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board prioritise and submit the Project Proposals for the Annual Plan on the attached schedule to appropriate Business Units of the Council for inclusion in the draft 2003/04 Annual Plan, identifying any substitutions as appropriate.
 2. That the Board refer any maintenance items identified in the draft schedule of Project Proposals to the appropriate Business Units for action.
 3. That the applications for 2003/04 Project and Discretionary funds be researched and reported to the Board's allocation meeting in February 2003.

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Recommendation: For discussion.