11. BOARD PROJECT AND DISCRETIONARY FUND UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to provide a financial update on the Board's 2001/02 Project and Discretionary Funds, and to recommend new projects for possible funding from the surpluses identified.

The Advocacy Team has reviewed this report, and their (collective) recommendations are provided at the conclusion of the report.

At the 8 March 2001 meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee decisions were made to allocate Project Funds and a portion of Discretionary Funds; an extensive matrix process was used.

The following schedule gives an update "as at 30 June 2002".

Various 'bulk' allocations have been scheduled again to record decisions made, during the financial year, to identify all Board approvals.

In respect of surplus funds available they need to be redistributed, by Board resolution, by 30 June 2002.

Project Title	\$	30.6.02	Surplus
		\$	
Hornby Youth Worker 2002/03	50,000	50,000	-
Riccarton Ward Youth Worker salary support	20,000	20,000	-
Youth Recreation Programmes	5,000	5,000	-
Teenage Rage Camps	5,000	5,000	-
Broomfield/Hei Hei CD activities programme	5,000	5,000	-
Broomfield/Hei Hei CD Project	5,000	5,000	-
Wharenui OSCAR operating grant	10,000	10,000	-
Sockburn OSCAR operating grant	10,000	10,000	-
Holiday programmes for children	10,000	10,000	-
Rental and Expenses for Canterbury Fijian Social Services	12,000	12,000	-
Maori CD Worker programmes grant	5,000	5,000	-
Recreation programmes for Maori youth	10,000	10,000	-
Programmes and services available for local older adults	10,000	10,000	-
Asian Youth Worker – Programme Costs	3,000	1,000	* 2,000
Youth Initiatives Fund	40,000	37,500	* 2,500
Discretionary Fund	40,000	34,600	* 5,400
Community "Events" in the Riccarton/Wigram Ward	15,000	15,000	-
Community Board funding Committee , additional allocation	10,000	10,000	-
Community Initiatives Fund	40,000	36,700	* 3,300
Resident Group support fund	5,000	5,000	-
Works and Traffic Committee fund	30,000	21,100	* 8,900
Environment Committee fund	50,000	47,800	* 2,200
Miscellaneous surpluses Ferrymead Trust refund			3,000
Total	\$390,000	\$365,700	\$24,300

^{*} see second schedule (circulated separately to members)

NEW PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Community Initiatives Fund 30 June 2002 expenditure (of \$36,700, see schedule above) includes two projects which have been identified by the Sockburn Advocacy Team; with the agreement of the Board these will be reported to the Community Services Committee for consideration and funding from the Community Initiatives Fund.

Hornby Toy Library Relocation, from Wycola Avenue to Sockburn School

The Toy Library is looking for bigger premises, so as to be able to expand their client base; the school is very receptive to the proposal.

Hei Hei Recreation/CD/Health Project

At the 6 March 2002 meeting the Finance and Policy Committee allocated funds for 2002/03 for the project.

This request is to enable an in-depth participatory needs analysis to be undertaken.

It is estimate that these two projects will be in the order of \$25,000 total.

Other projects identified, by the Board include:

- Milns Road footpath
- Nortons Road/Avonhead School crossing
- Heritage grant to Upper Riccarton Old Saddlery

Funding for these projects could come from 2002/03 sources.

The Advocacy Team has revisited the Board-approved Project Fund Schedule for 2002/03 and has identified some projects which could be "advance-funded" (from the 2001/02 surpluses), thereby allowing the chosen project fund allocation to be redistributed by the Board during 2002/03.

The recommended project is "Riccarton Ward Youth Worker Salary Support"; a \$10,000 grant to each of the CDN Trust and Fiji Social Services Trust.

In 1996 Ray Kirk completed a report on the needs of young people in the Riccarton/Wigram ward. The major obstacles to providing services for youth identified in this report was "lack of funding, difficulties in recruitment and retention of suitable experienced staff, affordability of caregivers/supervisors, lack of transport to and from programmes, and inadequate facilities and equipment".

Over the last three years the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board has allocated \$20,000 towards the salary of two youth workers in the Riccarton ward. The two organisations that receive this funding are Community Development Network Trust and Canterbury Fiji Social Services Trust.

The needs of young people in the Riccarton ward continue to be a priority, as is the commitment of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board in ensuring that these needs are addressed. This funding support meets with the Community Board's objectives, Council Policies, and the Riccarton/Wigram Community and Social Plan Matrix.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the Board receive the identified surplus funds, 2001/02, totalling \$27,300 for redistribution as follows:
 - Riccarton Ward Youth Worker Salary Support, \$20,000
 - The balance of funds, \$7,300 be available for the Community Services Committee for reallocation.
- 2. That the Board grant "power to act" to the Community Services Committee meeting (of 12 June 2002) to consider the allocation of Community Initiatives Fund monies to:
 - Hornby Toy Library Reallocation; and
 - Hei Hei Recreation/CD/Health Project

Chairman's Recommendation:

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.