

## 5. LINWOOD RESOURCE CENTRE – FUNDING FOR COMPUTER

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The purpose of this report is to request funding for the Linwood Resource Centre Te Whare Taonga o nga iwi Katoa's computer.

### BACKGROUND

Earlier this year the Linwood Resource Centre applied to the Community Development Scheme requesting funding for a computer and its accessories. The computer was to be used for training, producing the Centre's newsletter and other tasks relevant to the Centre.

The Centre had sourced a computer and provided quotes to the value of \$795 with their application. During the Community Development Scheme Committee's discussions, the Committee decided that the computer to be purchased was probably not powerful enough for the anticipated tasks. The Committee decided that the Centre would be granted the requested \$795 conditional upon seeking other quotes for more appropriate computer hardware and that the Board should be approached to fund the difference. A member of the committee, Brendan Smith, was nominated to work with the Community Development Advisor to ensure that the hardware was appropriate and the cost reasonable.

The Centre was informed of the result of the Committee's deliberation. Over some weeks Centre staff worked hard to source other computers of the required capacity at a reasonable cost. The Community Development Advisor and the Committee representative were both kept informed as the process progressed. It took some time for the Centre to find a computer and a price that was suitable to all concerned.

When the chance came up to purchase what was required, the Centre made the purchase. The timing of this meant that there was no opportunity to present this funding request at a Board meeting before the purchase was made. I recognise that the Board does not fund in retrospect but consider the circumstances of this request are unusual. Also the Centre was requested to seek equipment that was more expensive than they anticipated.

I request that the Board grant the Centre \$365 to assist with the extra cost of purchasing updated hardware. The total cost of the package that they purchased was \$1159.94.

### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the Linwood Resource Centre be granted \$365 from the Board's discretionary fund to supplement the funding already granted for a computer.

### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the recommendation be adopted.