

## 12. CANTERBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT INC – FUNDING APPLICATION

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of an application for funding from Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Inc.

The following letter has been received:

*“Canterbury Neighbourhood Support would sincerely like to thank Shirley/Papanui Community Board for last year’s generous contribution.*

*This financial year Canterbury Neighbourhood Support was grateful to receive a grant from the Christchurch City Council Major Grants Committee. The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board has allocated \$5000 for this and the following financial year and the Burwood/Pegasus Community has allocated \$1000 from their Discretionary Fund.*

*Since August 2001 Canterbury Neighbourhood Support has employed a regional co-coordinator, Pat Creasey, and such is the demand that an office assistant has also recently been employed. This has led to a revised budget for the 2002/2003 financial years. It is now expected that the operational cost of the office for the coming year will be \$95,000.*

*Canterbury Neighbourhood Support is now seeking funding of \$5000 from each of the Christchurch Community Boards and surrounding District Councils towards administration costs for the day-to-day running expenses of the Canterbury office. We provide the resources to support and train local Neighbourhood Support groups to create and maintain community safety programmes. There is no doubt that Neighbourhood Support does have a marked impact on crime reduction. Police statistics have shown areas with a high concentration of Neighbourhood Support Groups are the least affected by crime. However more importantly Neighbourhood Support now works towards assisting in the creation of safer, more caring communities.*

*The various groups that came together to make Canterbury Neighbourhood Support had crime prevention as their major focus but the direction of Neighbourhood Support has changed to one of communities working together to make communities a safer place. The new focus includes working with various organisations to provide information on fire and home safety, civil defence emergencies, crime reduction and also the promotion of Neighbourhood Week.*

*Within the Christchurch area there are approximately 1600 functioning Neighbourhood Support groups, which equate to 20/25000 households and with an average of 4 people per household - 80/100,000 residents in the City. Each of these groups has a volunteer contact person who undertakes to keep a list of members, keep them informed of any relevant issues and generally encourage neighbours to watch out for each other.*

*Members are also encouraged to become aware of the different skills their neighbours can offer in a crises e.g. if someone was to have an emergency - what immediate assistance is available within their own area while waiting for emergency services to arrive?*

*In the case of the earthquake in Kobe, Japan residents had to wait up to 36 hours before many of them could be reached by emergency response teams.*

*In this current economic climate, the community is now being asked to provide a greater input into Neighbourhood Support and as such, various regional and district councils are being asked to play a leading part in the supporting role of community financial contributions.*

*At his final City Council meeting on his retirement Cr Close stated that Neighbourhood Support was exactly what he had in mind when establishing the Strengthening Communities Action Plan.*

*If you feel it would be of some assistance, the co-ordinator, Pat Creasey is available to make a presentation on the work of Neighbourhood Support to your Community Board.”*

Last year each of the Community Boards was asked to contribute \$5,000 towards the Co-ordinator’s salary. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board granted \$5,000, as did other Boards, with Fendalton/Waimairi granting \$5,000 for each of the following two years.

An application was made this financial year to the Metropolitan Grants Committee for \$60,000. The Assets and Business Advisor has advised that “major grants has a provision of \$20,000 in this year's Annual Plan for Neighbourhood Support Canterbury. It was felt by the Metropolitan Funding Sub Committee that this should be the total contribution from the Council including Community Boards.”

It should be noted that Neighbourhood Support Canterbury relies solely on fund raising to run its office and gets no funding from other government agencies.

#### NATURAL + PEOPLE + ECONOMIC STEP ASSESSMENT

#	CONDITION:	Meets condition ✓✓0*	HOW IT HELPS MEET CONDITION:
<b>The Natural Step</b>			
N1	Reduce non-renewable resource use	-	
N2	Eliminate emission of harmful substances	-	
N3	Protect and restore biodiversity and ecosystems	-	
N4	People needs met fairly and efficiently	NA	NA - See People Step + Economic Step
<b>The People Step</b>			
P1	Basic needs met	✓✓	Improve People's sense of safety and security
P2	Full potential developed		
P3	Social capital enhanced	✓✓	Encourage people to participate in community life Provide opportunities for people to contribute to the common good and the wellbeing of other people.
P4	Culture and identity protected	✓	
P5	Governance and participatory democracy strengthened	-	
<b>The Economic Step</b>			
E1	Effective and efficient use of all resources	-	
E2	Job rich local economy	-	
E3	Financial sustainability	-	

#### Deputy Chairperson's

#### Recommendation:

1. That \$5,000 from 2002/03 SCAP Funds be contributed for this financial year.
2. That this issue be referred to the Chairs and Advocates meeting to discuss a consistent approach to funding Neighbourhood Support Canterbury.