

2. FUNDING REQUESTS

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SUMNER LIFEBOAT FOUNDATION AND COASTGUARD CANTERBURY

Murray Johnson from the Sumner Lifeboat Foundation and Don Alexander from Coastguard Canterbury will attend to assist the Subcommittee in gaining clarity on the roles of the two organisations.

A meeting was held on 29 May 2003 at which it was discussed how to address the request for financial support from both of the above organisations. It was decided that the Subcommittee should meet with both groups to gain a clearer picture about the roles of each organisation with a view to assist the Subcommittee in its decision making process for grants in the 2004/05 financial year.

The Sumner Lifeboat Institution has received grant funding from the Council for many years based on a formulae that is adjusted for inflation and supports the maintenance of their facilities (which are Council owned) both the building and the slipway and also provides support with professional fees and electricity. This year's figure for this was \$7,600. In addition to this the Council had also granted them \$25,000 in each of the last two financial years to help with their building and maintenance programme. Further the Council has agreed to loan them \$200,000 (they pay the interest) and to pay this back at \$20,000 each year for the next 10 years from the grants budget.

Canterbury Coastguard several years ago (1999) received a grant of \$7,000 for training and the Council also provided a loan of \$150,000 to assist with the purchase of their rescue vessel. This loan was at 2% interest and was to be repaid over the 2000 year at \$50,000 each three months starting 1 March then 1 June and 1 September. This loan was repaid in full. Since then this organisation has applied to the Council for financial support over the last two financial years and has not been successful. In 2003 funding was sought for Coastguard Canterbury's operating costs which amounted to \$76,000. A copy of their submission to the 2003 Annual Plan Subcommittee is attached.