

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT – 2004/05 PROJECT PROPOSALS

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The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the Community Services Unit's 2004/05 Board Project Fund bids.

This report will include brief summaries of the groups' activities over the past six to twelve months, as well as some detailed reports from the groups themselves.

ACTIVITIES

1. Children at Risk – Family & Community Development Worker: \$35,000

This project, operating under the umbrella of Manuka Cottage, is running very well. Regular six-weekly meetings between the Community Development Adviser and the Family & Community Development Worker are held, and quarterly reports are being received. Reports are due by set dates, with 1 February being the next due date. The report will be forwarded to Board members prior to the Board Project Fund meeting.

2. Addington.net: \$12,550

A detailed report from addington.net is included in the attachments.

3. Kingdom Resources: \$15,000

A detailed report from Kingdom Resources is included in the attachments.

4. Strickland Street Community Gardens: \$15,000

A detailed report from Strickland Street Community Gardens is included in the attachments.

5. Sydenham Community Development Worker: \$10,000

A number of projects have been initiated through the Sydenham Community Development Project, including the following groups/courses:

- A weekly men's group (facilitated by Liam Gough)
- A weekly craft group which is oversubscribed
- A weekly Wednesday morning "cuppa"
- A writers' group

A number of one-off events have also taken place, including an open day and a planning day. The local community is increasingly taking ownership of No 17 (Sydenham Community Cottage), with increased numbers in the core group.

Anglican Care has been providing very good management for the project and the relationship with Salvation Army is very co-operative. The project is now being supported through the Social Initiatives Fund for 2003/04, however, there is still a shortfall of \$19,000 for the salary.

Currently the Community Development Adviser is working to re-establish the Sydenham Community Development Trust which, once up and running, will be able to access alternative funding.

A more detailed report and budget will be submitted by Anglican Care prior to the Board meeting.

6. Youth Initiatives Support: \$41,300

A more detailed report which was presented to the Board meeting of 2 December 2003 is included in the attachments.

7. Professional Development – upskilling of committee members: \$10,000

The need for this funding was identified in the Hoon Hay Needs Analysis. The purpose was to assist committees of community organisations with training and upskilling.

Board members will be aware this fund has not yet been utilised. This is mainly due to:

- The need to develop rapport and trust with groups
- The fund has not been widely advised, due to the small size of the funding
- Groups and/or committees need to want to take up training opportunities

The need for this fund is confirmed. However, several groups have recently identified evaluation as an area for professional development. In the next few months staff will be contacting more local groups to identify specific needs and ways in which this can be addressed in a culturally appropriate way. This may be in the form of workshops or individual coaching/mentoring and/or support. The programme might include strategic development of organisations, long-term planning, running meetings, etc.

Approximately ten groups were involved in the analysis. Part of this process will include identifying other organisations that would be appropriate to deliver this training. However, it is envisaged there will be gaps and differing needs that will lead to individual mentoring and/or a different type of resourcing currently unavailable to these groups.

Recommendation:

1. That staff develop a Strategic Plan as to how this money should be allocated according to the above. It is also envisaged that the development of skills for community organisations is an on-going process, particularly as committee members come and go.
2. That the Board allocate \$10,000 from its 2004/05 Project Funds for the continuation of this fund.

8. After School Programmes: \$35,000

Programme support for after school programmes which target communities experiencing greater disadvantage in Spreydon/Heathcote area, namely Rowley, Waltham, Addington and Spreydon.

Previous funding requests for the above were:

- 2002-03 - \$75,000
- 2003/04 - \$45,000

Reduced funding is because these groups have been successful in obtaining Ministry of Social Development funding, and require less financial support from the Council. However, this funding is not guaranteed either. MOSD are currently undertaking an evaluation of the four-year funding package of assistance to support the OSCAR sector. OSCAR programmes are still reliant on receiving funding from other sources.

Evaluation of out of school programmes for the Christchurch City Council, undertaken by Dr Lesley McGibbon (draft document) states (page 89):

"The Christchurch City Council makes an important contribution to the social well-being of families in Christchurch by supporting out of school programmes. Many programmes were accessible to lower socio-economic families because of the Christchurch City Council contribution to the programme."

The following is a brief update on programmes specifically supported by Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board:

Addington After School Programme

Now based at St John's Church. Been in operation since 1996. Provide an after school programme five days per week, with a daily attendance of 25 children. The roll and daily attendance has increased. This programme is well run, is CYF-approved, and Manuka Cottage oversee the programme.

Salary support - \$5,000

Spreydon Holiday, After School and Recreation Programmes (SHARP)

Based at Spreydon Baptist Church. Provide three after school programmes divided into three age groups. Currently on average 41 children attend programmes each day. The number of programmes delivered by SHARP has continued to increase over the last two years. Been operating since 2000. CYF-approved. Programmes operate under Sharp Trust, are well run and organised. SHARP's own monitoring identified 62% of after school programme children come from one-parent families.

Salary support: \$5,000

Waltham Out of School Hours Inc (WOOSH)

Based at Waltham Primary School. Been operating 12 years. Provide after school programme five days per week with daily attendance 40-42 children (previously 18-20). Also provide holiday programmes. CYF-approved. High number of users come from low income families not eligible for the WINZ subsidy.

Funding is sought for sponsorship for financially disadvantaged children to attend WOOSH.

Programme has grown considerably and operates under the WOOSH Management Committee.

Sponsorship: \$10,000

Rowley OSCAR

Based at Rowley Primary School. Provide after school and holiday programmes. Been operating since 2000. CYF-approved. Programme has been under umbrella of Manuka Cottage for past 18 months (after ODC ceased to operate and deliver the programme). The daily attendance ranges between 15-20 children.

Rowley's own evaluation and parent survey rated the after school programme highly (very good to excellent).

Have established own management committee, which aims to become independent in 2004.

Programme support: \$15,000

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.