

4. 2003/04 DISCRETIONARY FUND

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The purpose of this report is to provide Board members with an opportunity to revisit suggestions for use of the current year's Discretionary Fund.

BACKGROUND

At the Board's 27 January 2004 meeting, it was requested that both Board members and staff identify projects and funding needs within the community for Discretionary Fund allocation.

The following suggestions were (informally) put forward for consideration by Board members:

1. Refit of fountain at main entrance door of South Library, Service Centre and Learning Centre.
2. Sydenham Church.
3. Local Artworks (sketches similar to the Malthouse Theatre).

In regard to 1 above, the Board was advised that if any changes were to be made to the existing fountain, the Facility Assets Unit (formerly Property Unit) would be responsible for covering the cost of a re-fit.

In regard to 2 above, a funding application was considered by the Board at its 10 February 2004 meeting.

In regard to 3 above, it is hoped that an indication of costs can be tabled at today's meeting.

CONCLUSION

To assist the Board in its deliberations, the following should be taken into consideration:

- Gaps identified in regard to the Board's outcomes (copy attached)
- Council policies
- Up-to-date Discretionary Fund schedule (attached)
- Further bids are likely to be made by the community/staff before the end of the current financial year

It should be noted that the remaining balance of \$21,397 in the 2003/04 Discretionary Fund should be expended by 30 June 2004.

Staff

Recommendation: For discussion.