

2. ALLOCATION OF 2004/05 FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with a final opportunity to allocate its funding for the 2004/05 financial year (information relating to allocations is due with Financial Services by 20 February 2004).

The following general split of funding was agreed to at the Board's 3 February 2004 meeting, subject to some fine-tuning if required:

	\$	\$
Total available for allocation		390,000
Specifically tagged for projects aligned to Strengthening Communities (SCAP)	40,000	350,000
Discretionary fund for disbursement throughout the year (traditionally \$50,000, but can be up to a maximum of \$60,000)	50,000	300,000
Project Fund for allocation to projects meeting the Board's objectives and Council policies - \$50,000 of which is to be specifically tagged for supporting the salary of community workers	300,000	Nil

It was also generally agreed at the 3 February 2004 meeting to support most of the proposals put forward, with the intention being to revisit actual allocations at the 19 February 2004 meeting.

At the Board's 3 February 2004 meeting it was **resolved** as follows:

1. *To retain the schedule attached to the 3 February 2004 agenda, together with attachments, for consideration at the 19 February 2004 meeting.*
2. *To prioritise each proposal put forward.*
3. *To bring prepared comments to the 19 February 2004 meeting.*
4. *To consider the gaps identified in the six month review of the Board's Objectives and Performance Indicators" (tabled at the 3 February 2004 meeting).*

Copies of the minutes from the 3 February 2004 meeting have previously been distributed however, a further copy is attached for members' information, noting comments made in relation to the Community Services Unit (Community) bids. Additional information requested at that meeting will be tabled.

Community Development items form the greater part of the funding bids. In part, this is due to continuing funding for community worker positions, either fully funded or part-funded by the Board. The Board needs to reassess how long it continues to fund each project, making sure that groups are advised twelve months in advance that funding will or may not continue. It is difficult to introduce new projects whilst continuing to fund the current organisations. However, many of these bids will have to be reduced or discontinued, in order to meet the amount of funding available for allocation.

Staff have a responsibility to bring projects before the Board as an indication of need in the community, however, the decision on what to fund is for the Board to determine.

The Board may wish to consider pre-allocating smaller amounts requested to its 2004/05 Discretionary Fund (eg speed check trailer \$700; Heritage Week Walk and Talk \$520; Community Service and Youth Awards \$1,500).

Staff

Recommendation:

That the Board allocate its 2004/05 funding as follows:

1. \$40,000 to be allocated to the SCAP Committee.
2. \$50,000 to be retained as the Board's Discretionary Fund.
3. \$300,000 to be allocated to appropriate projects in the Spreydon/Heathcote areas.