

5. IN 4 TALK TRUST – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information in relation to an application for funding from the In 4 Talk Trust for \$3,925 from the Board's 2004/2005 Discretionary Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The In 4 Talk Trust are requesting funding to continue the delivery of the English language tuition and social integration classes at the Bishopdale Community Centre. The funding requested will cover the costs of three, two hour classes per week until the end of June 2005. This will employ three tutors to cover two adult classes and one children's class.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Allocate \$3,925 from its 2004/2005 Discretionary Fund to the In 4 Talk Trust – for the purposes of continuing the English language tuition and social integration classes at the Bishopdale Community Centre.

BACKGROUND

4. The In 4 Talk Trust has been operating as a charitable trust since 2004 and its purpose is to provide a programme of English language tuition and social integration to the migrant community and to produce educational resource material for those from a non English speaking background. They currently provide this service in Fendalton, Parklands, and St Albans.
5. Under the umbrella of the Bishopdale YMCA, this programme has been provided at the Bishopdale Community Centre since 2002. In this time the programme has grown into three classes per week supporting approximately 35 people per week. These classes have gained much recognition and support from the community. Unfortunately the YMCA are no longer in a position to continue financially supporting this programme but are fully supportive of the In 4 Talk Trust taking over from them.
6. The Trust is currently developing a funding strategy to look at the overall running costs of their programmes across the city and identify potential funders/stakeholders to assist with ongoing financial support.
7. Council support towards the running of the programme at the Bishopdale Community Centre over the past 2-3 years has been through Board Project Funding, SCAP funding and through the Community Development Scheme.

| Funding Stream | Year | Amount | Purpose |
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| Community Development Scheme | 2002/03 | \$3,328 | ESOL |
| | 2003/04 | \$4,000 | ESOL |
| SCAP funding | 2003/04 | \$5,280 | Ethnic communities support programme |
| Community Board project funds | 2004/05 | \$1,700 | Ethnic communities support programme |

Note: The above funds were granted to the Bishopdale YMCA as umbrella organisation.

8. The funding requested is \$3,925 which will cover the costs of three, two hour classes per week until the end of June 2005. This will employ 3 tutors to cover two adult classes and one children's class.

OPTIONS

9. In relation to this application the Community Board could choose to;
 - a) grant \$3,925 to the In 4 Talk Trust – for operating costs till the end of June 2005.
 - b) grant a portion of the amount requested.
 - c) decline the application.

PREFERRED OPTION

10. The outcomes of the In 4 Talk Trust align with the following Council and Community Board Objectives:
 - A Learning City - Our people have the knowledge and skills needed to participate in society, and value lifelong learning.
 - A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities - Our people participate in community life, have a sense of belonging and identity and have opportunities to contribute to the City's well-being; we recognise our bicultural heritage in our multicultural society.
11. It is recommended that the \$3,925 requested be allocated to this organisation. This level of funding will allow them to provide this valuable service to the migrant community for the period identified.

CONCLUSION

12. The programme at Bishopdale is having a significant effect on the lives of the migrants who attend the classes by increasing their opportunities to participate in their local community and making the overall integration into society a much easier process.