

3. TANGATA 2 TAGATA

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request approval from the Community Board, via the Community Services Committee, of an application by Tangata 2 Tagata Ltd Charitable Trust for \$11,250 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board 2004/05 Youth Initiatives Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Issue

2. This is the first occasion that Tangata 2 Tagata has approached the Board for funding assistance. Funding is requested to cover operational costs associated with the delivery of the Navigate programme which is an holistic programme designed to support Maori and Pacific Island school students. The programme ran very successfully in 2004 during terms 3 and 4 at Hornby High school which now wants to ensure its continuity this year.

BACKGROUND ON TANGATA 2 TAGATA

3. In May 2004, Tangata 2 Tagata Ltd, a charitable company was established by Selau Ifopo-Sumner and Marisa Ward to provide assistance in education, employment, cultural awareness and self-determination on the value and means of achieving financial independence amongst Maori and Pacific peoples of Aotearoa New Zealand.
4. Selau and Marisa under an umbrella organisation called "In-work NZ" piloted a "mentoring" programme called "Navigate" in secondary schools with 40 students from 3 regional schools. This pilot commenced October 2003. On completion of the pilot they engaged with the Ministry of Education and Tertiary Education Commission, which stated that these departments would be interested in the programme but not under a commercial entity. From this feedback Tangata 2 Tagata Ltd with charitable status was established to work with the community in developing education, and employment.
5. At present the main activity of this group is to successfully implement the "Navigate" programme. This is an holistic programme designed to assist Maori and Pacific Island students with participation, retention and achievement while at school with the aid of a Maori/Pacific facilitator. It also incorporates working in collaboration with the student, school and family. Its method and mode of delivery set it apart from other programmes.
6. The 'Navigate' programme looks for the student's potential as well as encompassing cultural identify. It aims to reduce at risk factors in terms of health, nutrition and lack of physical activities. This is achieved by providing an intensive school term of addressing these issues, as well as completing a mini-duathalon. The senior students are also offered a leadership camp so that they can mentor the junior students.
7. As well as the programme assisting the students, the organisation also offers the school a cultural awareness package so that they can get insight of what it means to be Pacific.
8. In terms 3 and 4 of 2003 Selau Ifopo-Sumner ran the Navigate Programme at Hornby High School. According to the reference from Jon Rogers, Administrative Principle of Hornby High School in 2004, "the students became more focused on their learning as a result of this programme. The programme was also particularly helpful and effective with the families of the students and created beneficial connections between the two".
9. Hornby High School is keen to continue this programme and has contributed \$3000 towards it. COGS has contributed \$13,000. The total cost of the programme including salary costs is \$28,250.

10. The Navigator Programme has commenced at Hornby High. Forty Pacific Island students and their families are involved. The Support Manager is employed for 30 hours per week, and does many extra voluntary hours on top of this. (approx 20 per week) to meet the needs of the Pacific Island students.

OPTIONS

11. In relation to the application the Community Services Committee could choose to:
 - (a) Grant \$11,250 for Tangata 2 Tagata Ltd to run a Navigator programme at Hornby High School.
 - (b) Grant a proportion of the amount requested.
 - (c) Decline the application

PREFERRED OPTION

12. Having considered all the information, it is recommended that option a) be approved. This will have a number of benefits for Hornby High School and the Pacific Island Students and their Families. The expected outcomes with appropriate evaluations in place are as follows:
 - (a) Pacific Island students' academic achievement levels will be raised, as well as their contribution in class.
 - (b) A positive profile for Pacific Island students will be developed in the community.
 - (c) The students will be supported in selecting the right courses, training, scholarships and positive choices for the future.
 - (d) The students' level of physical activity will be increased and a more positive attitude towards a healthy lifestyle developed.

CONCLUSION

13. In conclusion the organisation Tangata 2 Tagata Ltd offers a comprehensive holistic programme for Pacific Island Students at Hornby High School that will enhance their quality of life and prospects for the future. The programme meets with the Council Community Outcomes as well as the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objectives 05/06.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that The Riccarton/Wigram Community Services Committee grant \$11,250 for Tangata 2 Tagata Ltd to run a Navigator Programme at Hornby High School from available funds as follows:

- \$10,000 from the Youth Initiatives Fund
- \$1,250 from the Discretionary Fund

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.