

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Manager Community Services  
**DATE:** 7 May 2007  
**SUBJECT:** Hope Community Centre

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## PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

At the April meeting the Richmond and Waimea Ward Councillors were asked to recommend a level of funding from the two Reserve DIL's accounts towards the above project.

## BACKGROUND

The report to the April meeting included a report from the church describing fully their proposal and detailing the current and possible community use of the facility.

Their request for financial assistance was in two parts, one for financial assistance towards the capital costs of the facility and the other was for a waiver of the development contributions imposed by Council.

## COMMENT/DISCUSSION

The Richmond and Waimea Councillors have met to consider the request and have made the following recommendations:

- 1 That a one off grant be made to the Hope Community Centre equivalent to the Building Consent Fees and Development Contributions = \$53,000.00.
- 2 That the \$53,000.00 be jointly funded by the two Reserve DIL's accounts as follows:
  - Richmond Reserve DIL's \$35,000.00
  - Waimea Reserve DIL's \$18,000.00
- 3 That the reasons for the grant be:
  - The Community Centre has been used for youth activities for over 50 years.

- The church have given a guarantee that the new facility can continue to be used by the Ranzau School and youth.
  - Councillors accepted the undertaking given by the church that the facility will be made available for community functions outside of church use, such as the Nouveau Arts Awards.
  - The location is easily accessed by Wakefield, Brightwater and the Hope area.
- 4 Because of the above reasons, Councillors felt that the grant could be made without prejudicing any future applications from similar organisations.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the above recommendation from the Richmond and Moutere/Waimea Councillors be approved and that the proposed \$53,000.00 grant be included in the submissions from this Committee to the Annual Plan process.

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Manager Community Services

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