

9. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to an application for funding from its 2004/05 Youth Development Fund.

The applicant is a 15 year-old girl residing in the St Martins area, who is seeking funding to support her attendance at the World Junior Sportclimbing Championships being held in Scotland in September 2004.

Board members will recall supporting this applicant previously (29 June 2004) when funding was sought to assist with costs associated with attending the New Zealand Development Squad of the New Zealand Sportclimbing Federation.

Since attending the Development Squad, the applicant has won two of the three regional competitions and attended all training camps. She has now been selected for the New Zealand Sportclimbing Team to represent New Zealand. She is the only female in the under 16 category to have been selected, and this experience will be of enormous benefit to her in reaching her goal to one day be World Champion.

The applicant's schedule will be as follows:

New Zealand Training Camp	23-27 August 2004
French Training Camp	30 August 2004
England Training Camp and Competition	3-6 September 2004
Scotland – World Junior Sportclimbing Championship	12-15 September 2004

The cost of the trip is estimated by the New Zealand Sportclimbing Federation as being between \$5,500-\$6,000. Cashmere High School has been approached for funding and at the time of writing this report that application is still under consideration.

If successful with this funding application, the applicant will report back to the new Community Board.

The applicant is a member of the Flying Geckos Climbing Club, which meets regularly at the YMCA and at the St Martins Climbing Wall, and is affiliated to the St Martins Climbing Wall Society Incorporated.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board consider allocating \$750 to assist with travel costs associated with the applicant attending the World Junior Sportclimbing Championship in Scotland in September 2004.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That, unless there are special circumstances, the Board grant \$500 in line with other grants given to applicants.