

19. 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 national Junior Development Squad of the New Zealand Sportclimbing Federation.

The applicant has represented Christchurch at national Sportclimbing competitions for the past two years and is ranked in the top three for her age group in New Zealand. She has once again been selected for the Junior Development Squad, which this year will be in the form of four residential training camps which are being held in Taupo, Palmerston North and Rotorua over June, July and August 2004.

She will also be taking part in the regional and national championships, and in the national cup series in Wellington, Christchurch, Rotorua and Tauranga. She is in line for selection for the New Zealand Team which will take part in the World Championships in Scotland in September 2004.

The total cost of return airfares to attend the four residential training camps in Taupo, Palmerston North and Rotorua is \$631. No other funding has been received by the applicant from any other groups.

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 \$500 from its 2004/05 Youth Development Fund to assist with travel costs associated with the applicant attending the national Junior Development Squad training camps for the New Zealand Sportclimbing Federation.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the staff recommendation be supported.