

10. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for an application for funding from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by a 13 year old boy living in the Bowenvale area towards costs associated with representing the Mainland Soccer Federation at the Gold Coast Cup, an event for players in the under 14 years age group, to be held in Australia in September this year.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2005:

Activity/Competition	Date	Cost
Air fare (incl taxes)	September 2005	\$744.00
Accommodation	September 2005	\$816.57
Gear	September 2005	\$ 50.00
Transport	September 2005	\$ 67.42
Entry fee	September 2005	\$ 31.83
Total Cost		\$1,709.82

4. The family has supported the applicant in his involvement to national level in both soccer and athletics. This is the first time the applicant has come to the Board for funding. This selection is based on previous performances in earlier selection events.

BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

5. The selection for the Gold Coast Cup in Australia represents an opportunity for the applicant to compete at international level for the first time. The applicant won his place in the team after being invited to a trial following his performances in the National Tournament in 2004. The Mainland Soccer Federation team comprises eighteen members from throughout Canterbury.
6. The applicant and his parents have been involved in a variety of fundraising activities for some time.
7. The fluctuations in the currency exchange rate have had the effect of increasing costs since the initial budget (above) was drawn up, with the total costs now anticipated to be approximately \$100 greater than that shown.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board agree to allocate \$500 from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant travelling to Australia to represent Mainland Soccer in the Gold Coast Cup in September.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.