

## 12. APPLICATION TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – ADAM COX

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Adam Cox, a 16 year old Christchurch Boys' High School student from Fendalton.
3. Adam has been selected to go on a AFS student exchange programme to Switzerland in 2006 for the entire year.
4. This exchange will require Adam to immerse himself fully into the local culture, live with a host family, and attend a local high school as a full-time student. Adam feels that this experience will make him more responsible, confident, and culturally-aware on his return to New Zealand.
5. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Board for funding support.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal issues to be considered.
7. The student exchange is organised through AFS Intercultural Programme and costs each student \$10,650. This cost includes all travel expenses, host family recruitment and support, and school fees.
8. Adam has a part-time job which has enabled him to contribute financially towards the cost of the exchange. He is seeking support from the Community Board and various service clubs and businesses.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

Agree to allocate \$500 from the Board's 2005/06 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant's student exchange to Switzerland for the 2006 year.