

7. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by a 14 year old youth living in the Beckenham area towards costs associated with his selection to the New Zealand Soccer national development squad for his age group.
3. The applicant is one of nine Mainland Soccer representatives to be chosen for this programme in his age group, and one of thirty players chosen nationally. It is understood that the squad will eventually be reduced to a team of fifteen for international competition.
4. The applicant's future goals include:
 - To be an international soccer star like David Beckham
 - To be a Policeman
 - To do a PE degree
 - To work as a Physiotherapist for sports injuries
 - To attend Teacher's College as a Soccer Tutor
5. The applicant is affiliated to Christchurch Technical Soccer Club Inc.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The total cost of participating in the New Zealand Soccer International Player Development programme is \$1,687.50 which relates to:
 - Five day residential at a national get-together
 - Medical screening
 - Physiological screening
 - Psychological screening
 - Lifestyle advice
 - Three weekly sessions from September through to December
 - Assessment and monitoring
 - Player tutorials
 - Player diaries
 - Communication
7. A funding application has been lodged with the Lions Foundation for \$3,000 to be divided between eight boys. The outcome of that application is unknown at the time of writing this report.
8. Team members have fundraised some money towards their trip by way of selling chocolates and selling Christchurch Star photography.
9. The 2004/05 Youth Development Fund currently has a nil balance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board allocate \$500 from its 2004/05 Discretionary Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant participating in the New Zealand Soccer International Player Development programme.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.