

## 8. APPLICATION TO FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

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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 Gemma Woods, a 13 year old Burnside High School student from Ilam. Gemma has been selected to be part of the New Zealand Schools Delegation to attend the International Model United Nations Conference (THIMUN) held in The Hague, Netherlands in January 2006. The conference is expecting a total of 3,750 students from across the world, of which Gemma will be one of 14 young people representing New Zealand.
3. Gemma and the other selected representatives will attend the conference for one week, and then spend 10 days on a United Nations study tour, visiting major international diplomatic and historical cities of Bangkok, Geneva and Paris. Attendance at this conference and study tour is well supported.
4. The THIMUN Conference is an opportunity for students to discuss international issues, and to seek through discussion, negotiation and debate, solutions to various world wide problems, with people from different perspectives, religions and cultures.
5. Gemma is actively seeking sponsorship support from other avenues such as service clubs and local businesses and is undertaking fundraising activities to assist towards the \$6,000 per delegate costs involved with this trip.
6. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.
8. The total cost of the trip is approximated \$6,000. This includes airfares and accommodation. (Note: exclusive of personal spending, sightseeing).

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

Approve the allocation of \$800 from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant's travel to the Hague, Netherlands to attend the THIMUN Conference in January 2006.

### CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.