

7. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION

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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 2005/06 Youth Development Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant, Caitlin Constable, a 14 year old girl who lives in the Beckenham area, towards costs associated with representing New Zealand at the 2006 Basketball Under 16 Girls' Koru Tour to be held in Australia from the 10-22 January 2006.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

Activity/Competition	Date	Cost
Air fare (incl taxes)	October 2005	\$ 629.00
Accommodation	October 2005	\$ 568.00
Food	October 2005	\$ 400.00
Ground Transport	October 2005	\$ 270.00
Facility Hire	October 2005	\$ 209.00
Entry Fees	October 2005	\$ 105.00
Uniform and other	October 2005	\$ 238.00
Insurance	October 2005	\$ 50.00
Total Cost		\$2,600.00 inc gst

4. The applicant has fundraised \$200 through sausage sizzles and estimates to raise a further \$300 from carparking work on Show Day. A funding request for \$250 from the Sir Richard Hadlee Sports Trust has been made and is under consideration.
5. New Zealand Basketball has decided that it will not be applying for funding from any organisations this year to enable it to subsidise the costs for the players. Therefore, this leaves the full expense of the tour up to each individual player.

BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

6. The Koru 2006 Under 16 Girls' squad is a national level team. Selection of the squad is made by Basketball New Zealand. As part of the tour the squad members will be living, training and practising at the Australian Institute of Sport. They will then go on to compete at the Australian Country Championships against Australian state teams. The objectives of the tour are to develop skills and provide competitive experiences at an international level, and provide players with an introduction towards becoming a high performance athlete.
7. The applicant is involved at all levels of basketball within the community, competing at school, regional and national level. This year she has played basketball for Cashmere High in both the senior and Under 16 teams. In the Secondary Schools competition her senior and Under 16 teams won their divisions. In the year 9 & 10 South Island Tournament she made the Tournament team, made up of the top ten players of the tournament. This year she has again represented Canterbury by playing in the girls' Under 16 team at local, regional (which they won) and national levels. The applicant is also actively involved in volleyball, representing her school at regional and national levels. She has been selected as a member of the elite volleyball training squad – a group of young students recognised as having future potential in this sporting code. She also gives back time to the sport through coaching, and has coached an All Stars year 7/8 team for the Pioneer Stadium competition.
8. The applicant received \$500 of funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board under the Youth Development scheme in 2004 to attend the South Pacific Grand Slam.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$500 from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant travelling to Australia to represent New Zealand Basketball in the U16 2006 Koru Tour from 10-22 January 2006.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.