

8. 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 Joel Armstrong, a 14 year old boy who lives in the Cashmere area, towards costs associated with representing New Zealand Athletics at the Pacific School Games in Melbourne from 26 November to 4 December 2005.

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)	November 2005	\$ 646.00
Accommodation	November 2005	\$ 774.00
Food, Uniform and other	November 2005	\$ 220.00
Total Cost		\$1,640.00

4. Joel has received \$323 of funding support from the Port Hills Athletics Club, of which he is a member.

BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

5. Joel is a Canterbury athletics and cross country champion for his age group. He won a silver medal at the New Zealand Interprovincial (National) Athletics Championship at Easter 2005. Joel is also a reserve for the New Zealand Under 16 years basketball development squad to compete in Albury, Australia in January 2006.
6. Joel is a developing talented young athlete whose dream goal is to represent New Zealand at the Olympics. Being selected to represent New Zealand at the Pacific School Games in Melbourne will be an important step for Joel towards achieving his dream goal. To gain selection athletes have had to achieve standards set by the NZCAA selectors based on performances for eighth placings at the last Pacific School Games.
7. These are the seventh Pacific School Games. The Games were held in Brisbane in 1982, Melbourne in 1984, Sydney in 1988, Darwin in 1992, Perth in 1996, and Sydney in 2000. New Zealand was present at all of these previous Games. The Games are being hosted by the Victoria Department of Education and Training on behalf of School Sport Australia. To date 24 countries from around the Pacific plus all the Australian States have confirmed that they will be sending teams.
8. Joel received \$500 of funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Youth Development scheme in 2004 to compete in the Under 15 years Pacific Slam Tournament.

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 Athletics at the Pacific School Games in Melbourne from 26 November to 4 December 2005.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION