

11. 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 Chris Park, a 17 year old Christ's College student from Beckenham. Chris 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. Chris attended the United Nations Nationals in Wellington earlier this year and was chosen to represent New Zealand. The conference is expecting a total of 3,750 students from across the world, of which Chris will be one of 14 young people representing New Zealand.
3. Chris 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. Chris has been seeking funding support from other avenues such as the Lions Foundation (under consideration). Christ's College has contributed \$1,000 and Chris is working part-time and is busy with other fundraising activities. The family will contribute towards personal costs associated with the 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 approximately \$6,000. This includes airfares and accommodation. (Note: exclusive of personal spending, sightseeing).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate a total of \$500, being \$100 from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund and \$400 from its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund, to assist with costs associated with the applicant's travel to the Hague, Netherlands to attend the THIMUN Conference in January 2006.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted, subject to a breakdown of the budget being provided.