

5. 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 Dale Clark, a 16 year old boy living in the Sydenham area, towards costs associated with training and competing in the sport of Futsal (5-a-side indoor soccer) in Brazil, based at the Del Ponte Centre of Excellence. Dale will play for the Del Ponte Centre of Excellence team, playing against a number of regional teams in numerous tournaments during the period 25 November to 14 December 2005.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following outlines Dale's budgetary requirements for 2005:

Activity/Competition	Date	Cost
Air fare (incl taxes)	November/December 2005	\$3,700
Accommodation and meals	November/December 2005	\$1,200
Equipment	November/December 2005	\$ 300
Coaching/games	November/December 2005	\$ 500
Total Cost		\$5,900

4. The applicant is a member of Vikings Futsal New Zealand. Futsal is a sport that has become established in New Zealand in recent years and is growing in popularity. A Futsal competition will start at Pioneer Stadium in October 2005.
5. Dale lives with his grandparents, who are very supportive of his involvement in Futsal. However, as retirees, it is difficult for them to assist him financially. This is the first time the applicant has come to the Board for funding. This selection is based on competition form at the Futsal Regional Title competition in Brisbane.

BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

6. The selection for the Centre of Excellence team represents an opportunity for Dale to be exposed to professional coaching at the foremost facility of its kind for the sport in the home country of the sport. Dale will come into contact with professional players and "talent spotters" and there is a possibility of being offered a place in a professional team.
7. The applicant has been involved in a variety of fundraising activities for some time, is seeking commercial sponsorship, and is saving any additional money earned by refereeing at Futsal games.
8. The applicant is very focussed on his sport and on this opportunity. He left school during the second term of 2005 in order to earn and save money to put towards this experience, but has since returned to school to further his education.
9. The applicant is one of four Futsal players who have been chosen from throughout New Zealand. He is the only Christchurch player selected. All players were selected after showing significant ability at the recent regional competition in Brisbane.

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 Brazil to train and compete at the Del Ponte Futsal Centre of Excellence.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.