

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 Kelly Bowa, a 16 year old Cashmere High School student from Hoon Hay. Kelly is a member of the Cashmere High School Boys' Basketball team which has qualified for the Secondary Schools National Tournament held in Napier.
3. The tournament is being held from 26 September – 1 October 2005. This application was received within the necessary timeframe, but unfortunately, due to a review of the Youth Development Fund process and staff changes within the Council, this report is now seeking retrospective funding for this application.
4. References provided with the application form indicate that Kelly is a good student with an outstanding work ethic. His basketball coach states that Kelly has a natural talent in basketball that will only continue to improve as his knowledge and understanding of the game increases. Kelly has shown a commitment to the team by attending all practices, even when injured or unwell.
5. Cashmere High School has agreed to subsidise the costs of the airfares and the team were undertaking various other fundraising activities.
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. The following table provides a breakdown of the funding requested:

Expense	Amount
Airfare (return)	\$372
Accommodation (seven nights)	\$265
Food (seven days)	\$200
Transport (contribution to van rental)	\$ 68
Total Cost	\$905

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board agree to allocate \$300 from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant's travel to Napier for the secondary schools National Basketball Tournament.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.