

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 for an application for funding from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Heather Targett, a 16 year old girl living in the St. Martins area, towards costs associated with representing New Zealand at the 2005 World Youth Sportclimbing Championships to be held in Beijing, China, in August this year.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

Activity/Competition	Date	Cost
Air fare (incl taxes)	August 2005	\$2,000
Accommodation and expenses	August 2005	\$1,500
Total Cost		\$3,500

4. The applicant is a member of the Christchurch Flying Geckos Climbing Club and the New Zealand Sportclimbing Federation.
5. The Targett family are very supportive of the applicant in her involvement in climbing. This is the third time the applicant has come to the Board for funding. This selection is based on recent competition form, including the National Cup event where she came first in the Under 18 and second in the Open competition.

BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

6. The selection for the World Youth Championships represents an opportunity for the applicant to compete at international level for the second time. The applicant won her place in the team after a training camp at the end of July. The New Zealand Youth team comprises 8-9 members from throughout New Zealand.
7. The applicant and her parents have been involved in a variety of fundraising activities for some time, including raffles and sausage sizzles, and have raised \$1,300 to date.
8. The applicant is very focused on her sport, training five days a week. She has travelled four times to the North Island this year for competition and training.
9. The applicant was not advised of her selection for this event until late July following the National Cup event.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION