

## 12. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND REPORT

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board approval for a funding application to the 2005/06 Discretionary Fund for youth development.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Samantha Fabian is seeking \$500 to attend the Mainland 14<sup>th</sup> Grade Squads Australia trip in Sydney. She will depart on 30<sup>th</sup> June and return on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2006.
3. Samantha is 13 years old, lives in Linwood and attends Linwood College. She has been identified as a highly talented soccer player and is one of only 18 players from throughout Canterbury, West Coast and Nelson who has been selected to represent Mainland Soccer in this tournament.
4. Samantha lives with her grandparents and has worked hard against all odds given her immediate family situation has been difficult throughout her childhood. She is self motivated and has put a lot of hard work into gaining a place on the squad.
5. Mainland Soccer is convinced great benefits are gained from exposing young, talented players to international competition from an early age. It will give them top level experience and a realistic expectation of the competition and intensity they will have to face in order to succeed in the sport at an elite level. It also helps further identification of talented players for ongoing training and consideration.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal considerations in relation to this application.
7. The cost for Samantha to attend the tournament is \$1,850. The funding will go towards the cost of Samantha's travel, accommodation and meals. Without financial support, Samantha will not be able to go. There are a number of fundraising initiatives underway including this application to the Board. Any support from the Board would be greatly appreciated.
8. The application is eligible under the Council's Youth Development Scheme guidelines. It aligns with providing support or assistance to an individual aged 12 – 25 years for representation at an international event and for sporting development. The Board agreed to consider applications, using these guidelines, on a case by case basis out the discretionary fund at the Hagley, Ferrymead Community Board meeting on 12 October 2005.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

Agree to allocate \$250 from the 2005/06 Discretionary Fund towards the cost of Samantha attending Mainland 14<sup>th</sup> Grade Squads Australia trip in Sydney, July 2006.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.