

## 2. APPLICATION TO FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND - LETITIA STENBERG

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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 2006/07 Youth Development Fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Letitia Stenberg, a 17 year old Christchurch Girls High School student from Ilam.
3. Letitia has been selected for one of three Seattle scholar positions for the Christchurch Seattle Sister-City Exchange Programme operating this year from 19 September to 6 October 2006. She will be attending as the Christchurch Girls High School representative.
4. This exchange is an annual event with three senior secondary school students from Christchurch visiting Seattle for a two-week exchange. During this time, students are placed with host families and attend the local school.
5. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal issues to be considered.
7. The student exchange is organised through the Council's Christchurch Seattle Sister-City Committee and costs each student \$2,300. The Sister-City Committee contributes \$1,000 to each student towards these costs. Each student is required to contribute the remaining \$1,300 themselves.
8. Letitia has a very demanding school and study schedule which limits her ability to undertake fundraising activities. However, she has recently been selling Cadbury chocolates and is also making herself available for babysitting positions, as both of these methods do not intrude with her school work. She has also approached local service clubs for assistance but has yet to receive any support from them.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

Agree to allocate \$500 from its 2006/07 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant's student exchange to Seattle in September 2006.