

8. APPLICATION YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND - CATALIN ONC

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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 the 2006/07 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Alin Catalin Onc, is a 12 year old Phillipstown School student of Bordesley Street, Linwood. Catalin is seeking funds to represent Mainland Soccer at the National Federation Tournament for 13th Grade Boys to be held in Napier from 17–21 December 2006.
3. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Board for funding support.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested.

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Return airfare	
Accommodation and food for five nights	
Training, playing and tournament costs	
Total Cost inclusive of above	\$800.00
Amount for each player to contribute	\$ 400.00
Amount being contributed by applicant	\$100.00
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$300.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$300 to Catalin Onc from the 2006/07 Youth Development Scheme to assist with costs associated with participation in the National Federation Tournament for 13th Grade Boys to be held in Napier from 17–21 December 2006.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

BACKGROUND

5. Catalin Onc has a passion for his chosen sport - soccer. He is highly regarded by his school principal and classroom teacher as a talented, hard working, determined character who is an excellent ambassador for his school and a very successful example of a new migrant from Romania to New Zealand. Catalin is also being nominated by Phillipstown School at the annual Linwood Woolston Rotary Clubs honour student role award as an outstanding young person and leader.
6. Catalin comes from a highly supportive family who are doing everything to enable their son to participate and excel in his chosen sport. However, costs involved with settling in New Zealand does make raising the required funds difficult and they would be very appreciative of any financial assistance available to enable Catalin to pursue his passion.