

## 15. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION - PENNY SLADE

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Human Resources, DDI 941-8548
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Manager Recreation and Sport Unit
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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for an application for funding from the 2006/07 Youth Development Scheme.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Penny Slade, is a 16 year old Linwood College student of Belleview Terrace, Mt Pleasant. Penny has been selected to take part on a ten day Spirit of Adventure voyage that brings together 40 teenagers from around New Zealand to develop independence, leadership, team work and communication skills. The voyage will take place from 9-18 January 2007.
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.

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Cost of berth	1,000.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
Amount being raised by applicant	600.00
<b>Amount being requested from Community Board</b>	<b>400.00</b>

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$300.00 to Penny Slade to assist with the costs of participating in the Spirit of Adventure development voyage from 9-18 January 2007.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

Not seen by Chairperson.

### BACKGROUND

5. The Spirit of Adventure Trust was established to provide the youth of New Zealand access to a character development programme through sail training. During the course of each voyage, the Trust aims to give young New Zealanders an equal opportunity to learn and develop from each other qualities of independence, understanding and community spirit through the medium of the sea.
6. Penny has attended Linwood College since 2003 and has been awarded Top Student in Year 12 for 2006. She has been chosen to travel on the Spirit of Adventure because of her love of the outdoors, sport and school achievements.
7. Penny has used her initiative to raise the funds required through selling ice creams at school, getting a job, seeking sponsorship from local businesses and applying to service organisations. She has done so within a very short timeframe given she was only notified of her place prior to starting exams in November.
8. On completion of the Spirit of Adventure voyage, Penny is very happy to share her experience with the community and to organisations who have provided funding. For instance Penny could be available as a guest speaker at the Phillipstown Leisure Club.