

10. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board approval for an application for funding from its 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant, Brittany Duncraft, a 13 year old girl who lives in the Spreydon area, towards costs associated with representing Canterbury at the 2006 Friendship Games hosted by NSW Soccer to be held in Sydney from the 3-8 July 2006.

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)	July 2006	\$ 750
Accommodation	July 2006	\$1,200
Other	July 2006	\$ 200
Total Cost		\$2,150 inc gst

4. The squad have been fundraising since February 2006, putting together events such as a movie night, a hypnotist night and a silent auction to name a few. Currently Brittany has accumulated \$600 towards her trip cost through this fundraising and the squad are hoping to raise another \$500 per player prior to the Games.

BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

5. Brittany was selected in December 2005 by Mainland Soccer to train with the Girls High Performance Centre. This squad has been preparing by playing in the Under 14 years section 1, boys grade in Christchurch, as well as training two evenings a week with coach Steven Henshaw. Brittany is a pupil at Villa Maria High School and plays in the first 11 in the Wednesday competition.
6. The 18-strong squad will play six games during the annual Friendship Games. Rather than a traditional tournament the Friendship Games focus is on player development. The ethos is to foster a pressure-free atmosphere for the players which enables them to perform at their best in a tournament situation. The Mainland team that went to the 2005 Games really benefited from the trip and this was reflected in their performance at the national tournament in Napier last December when they came second.
7. Brittany is a very sporty individual. During the summer months she plays representative softball in the Under 14 year grade. Brittany's long term goal is to represent Canterbury in all age levels and focus on selection for the New Zealand Under 19 years squad to play at the Under 19 year World Cup Tournament in Portugal in October 2006.
8. Brittany is also a member of the Cashmere Wanderers Soccer Club where she volunteers her time coaching other girls. The Club have set up a training school which is running during the school holidays.
9. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board under the Youth Achievement Fund for funding assistance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board agree to allocate \$300 from its 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund to assist with costs associated for Brittany Duncraft's trip to the Friendship Games in Sydney, Australia from 3-8th July 2006.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.