

12. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION - EAMONN MARRA

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| General Manager responsible: | General Manager Community Services , DDI 941-8534 |
| Officer responsible: | Community Support Manager |
| Author: | Claire Milne, Community Development Adviser |

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present an application to the Board for Youth Development Scheme funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Eamonn Marra is a 16 year old, year 12 student, seeking funds to assist in attending a one year AFS (American Field Scholar) Exchange Programme departing in August 2006 and returning in July 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 provides a breakdown of the funding requested:

| Eamonn Marra | |
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| Expense | Cost (\$) |
| Airfare (return) | 2,662.50 |
| Comprehensive medical insurance | 1,331.25 |
| AFS United states administration including AFS support from a network or trained volunteers and staff. | 5,325.00 |
| AFS New Zealand and International Office fees- orientation pre and post exchange | 1,331.25 |
| Total Cost | \$10,650 |
| Amount Raised by Applicant (not including spend monies) | 6,000 |
| Other Funding Raised | |
| Amount Requested from Community Board | \$500 |

5. AFS is a registered charity. The national office of AFS in Wellington will ensure that all monies received are dedicated to Eamonn Marra's Exchange and can provide documentation to enable the sponsor/funder to verify the use of these monies.
6. This 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 under the educational and personal capacity building categories. The Board agreed at the Hagley/Ferrymead Community board meeting on 12 October 2005, to consider applications using these guidelines, on a case by case basis from discretionary funding.
7. Currently there is a shortfall of \$4650.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$500 Youth Development Funding to Eamonn Marra toward his AFS Exchange Programme opportunity.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

BACKGROUND

8. Eamonn Marra lives in the Hagley/Ferrymead area, mother in Woolston and father in Linwood, and is a year 12 student attending Shirley Boys High School.
9. Eamonn has been selected to go on a one year AFS (American Field Scholar) Exchange Programme in July/August 2006. The school is supportive of his taking time away from studies for this opportunity, and commented that Eamonn is a very sociable independent young man who will benefit greatly from this experience.
10. AFS has a history of volunteerism, exchange programmes proven to contribute to the development of cultural, educational and employment skills and values of programme participants.
11. A letter of support from AFS states Eamonn has demonstrated that he possesses the qualities which are required of AFS participants. He will continue to be supported by AFS, through orientation sessions and chapter activities.
12. The total required funding of the trip is \$10,650 (not including spending money) and covers travel, educational, camping and medical fees. Eamonn has currently raised approx \$6,000 inclusive of \$1,500 from the AFS scholarship fund.
13. Eamonn has been working consistently to raise funds toward the cost of the exchange inclusive of part-time work at Mary Gray Confections, packing sweets, Piko Wholefoods Co-op recycling cardboard boxes, regular Sunday sausage sizzle at the Vege Pot, garage sale, chocolate and Christmas tree sales, and holiday work as a junior office temp.
14. Eamonn has an interest in cultures and cultural interaction and hopes to attend Victoria University to study Anthropology on his return.
15. Eamonn has agreed to present to the Board on his return.