

8. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for an application for funding from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Jessica Graham, a 16 year old teenager who lives in the Hornby area, towards costs associated with attending Ke Ola Hou Hui in Hawaii. This is an event focussed on intercultural exchange between Hawaiian and Maori young people involving dance and singing.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following outlines the budgetary requirements:

Activity/Competition	Date	Cost
Airfare	June/July	\$1,510
Insurance	June/July	\$ 125
Camp/activities	June/July	\$ 300
Accommodation	June/July	\$ 500
Other travel costs	June/July	\$ 385
Total Cost		\$2,820

4. Fundraising towards these costs to date have included:

Hangi	\$ 800
Food stalls	\$ 200
Dance Party	\$ <u>500</u>
	<u>\$1,500</u>

Garage sales are also planned.

BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

5. Jessica is participating in this event as a member of the Te Ora Hou Otautahi Youth Group. She is interested in training to be a junior youth leader with this group when she returns from this trip.
6. Jessica has previously participated in singing and dancing performances around Christchurch at various venues including churches and schools. She was recently part of a duo winning the School Idol at her high school. She has been a member of a dance group and band which has participated in a national youth competition for the past 4 years, and has participated in haka and waiata through her church and school. She is interested in attending the Performing Arts School after high school and is considering pursuing a career as a professional singer.
7. Jessica is interested in learning about and experiencing Hawaiian culture (in particular dance and food) and sharing these experiences with her youth group and others who may be interested on her return.
8. This is the first time Jessica has applied to the Board for funding.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board agrees to allocate \$500 from its 2005/06 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant, Jessica Graham, travelling to the Ke Ola Hou Hui event in Hawaii in June 2006.