

13. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present an application for funding to the Board from its 2005/06 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is James Anson-Holland, a 15 year old who has been selected for the New Zealand Under 16 Basketball team to travel to Australia to compete in the Australian Under 16 National Basketball Championships. This tournament will take place from 17 June–2 July 2006.
3. This is the second time the applicant has approached the Board for funding support. James received a grant from the Youth Development Scheme in November 2005 to attend the “Pacific Slam” basketball tournament in Australia as part of the South Island Under 15 Basketball team.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. It should be noted that the Board’s 2005/2006 allocation of \$9,000 for the Youth Development Scheme has been fully expended, hence this report makes a recommendation for allocation from the Board’s Discretionary Fund.

The following table provides a general overview of the funding requested:

James Anson-Holland	
Expense	Cost (\$)
Airfare (return)	1,020
Accommodation and meals	1,560
Transport (transfers, inter-venue shuttle)	438
Miscellaneous	632
Total Cost	3,650
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$500

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate James Anson-Holland \$500 from its 2005/2006 Discretionary Fund to assist with costs associated with his attendance at the Australian Under 16 National Basketball Championships as part of the New Zealand Under 16 Basketball team.

CHAIRPERSON’S RECOMMENDATION

Not seen by the Chairperson.

BACKGROUND ON JAMES ANSON-HOLLAND

5. James Anson-Holland lives in Gwen Place (Redwood), and is in year 11 at Christ’s College. James has been playing competitive basketball for three years and has achieved representative status at regional, South Island, and now national level. James is not only involved in the sport of basketball as a competitor. He also coaches a North New Brighton School team and referees at Cowles Stadium.
6. James currently has a very demanding training schedule of approximately 15 hours per week. This has meant his opportunities for fundraising have been limited to the money he receives as a basketball referee (approximately once per week). The total cost of attending the Australian Under 16 National Basketball Championships is \$3,650, hence this funding application for \$500.