

4. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Fiona Bellamy, a 15 year old teenager who lives in the Riccarton area, towards costs associated with representing New Zealand at an international choral competition in Hong Kong and the International World Choral Olympics in Xiamen China in 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
Trip costs	July 2006	\$4,800
Total Cost		\$4,800

4. Fiona has been fundraising for this activity since July 2005 and has been involved in busking in shops and at the Riccarton Rotary market, selling chocolate, organising sausage sizzles, and singing in a quartet at a Mall and in a department store over the Christmas period. She anticipates raising \$3,000 towards the above costs before July 2006. She is seeking the remaining \$1,800 from the Council. She has been unable to find anywhere else to apply for funding for this purpose.

BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

5. Fiona has been singing in choirs since she was in primary school. She has been involved in various choirs at the primary, intermediate and secondary schools she has attended. She has also been involved in choirs such as Cobham choral and Bel Canto, on occasion singing as a soloist. She has also been involved in Operatic Youth. Last year when she was a member of the, the Bel Canto choir, it won the platinum award at the national choral finals. She has been selected for the NZ Secondary Students Choir as a Deputy Section leader. The Chief Executive of this organisations notes that Fiona is:

'completely dependable and hardworking. Her musical skills, and voice are of a very high calibre and she can be relied upon to know her music, and to carry out her responsibilities in a co-operative and efficient manner.'

6. Part of the programme for the NZ Secondary Student's Choir for 2006 involves representing New Zealand at an international choral competition in Hong Kong, and at the International World Choral Olympics in Xiamen, China.
7. Fiona anticipates bringing the skills she will learn through being a Deputy Section leader in the NZ Secondary Schools Choir back to the school choir and other choirs she is involved in, to the benefit of her fellow choir members. The choir also sings at a wide range of locations around the country. Subsequent to her involvement with this choir this year she intends to apply for the Tower NZ Youth Choir.
8. This is the first time Fiona has applied to this fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board agrees to allocate \$500 from its 2005/2006 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant travelling to China to participate in an international choral competition and the International World Choral Olympics.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.