

## 8. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION - JENNA HOLLAND

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### 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. Jenna Holland is a 16 year old, non-hearing 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:

<b>Jenna Holland</b>	
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
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
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$10,650.00</b>
Amount Raised by Applicant (not including spend monies)	300.00
Other Funding Raised	3,450.00
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>

5. AFS is a registered charity. The national office of AFS in Wellington will ensure that all monies received are dedicated to Jenna Holland'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 its 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 \$6,900. At the point of report writing there has been indication of a further \$1,200 sponsorship to be confirmed in writing.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$800 Youth Development Funding to Jenna Holland toward her AFS Exchange Programme opportunity.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

## BACKGROUND

8. Jenna Holland lives in Woolston, attends Linwood High school and is affiliated with Van Asch Deaf Education Centre in Sumner. The school is supportive of her taking time away from her studies for this opportunity.
9. Jenna has been selected to go on a one year AFS (American Field Scholar) Exchange Programme in July/August 2006.
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. Jenna is non-hearing and is from a total non-hearing family unit. Her family are keen to host a non-hearing student to show their appreciation for the support shown to Jenna, and the opportunity to be part of the AFS exchange programme.
12. A letter of support from AFS states, "Jenna has demonstrated that she possesses the qualities which are required of AFS participants. She will continue to be supported by AFS, through orientation sessions and chapter activities". During the course of background checking to process this application the CDA spoke to Claire Becker-Gledhill, from AFS, who could not speak highly enough of Jenna and the commitment of both her and her family to this process. This discussion confirmed that Jenna would benefit greatly from financial assistance and verified the efforts that Jenna has made to earn money toward this opportunity.
13. During discussion with Jenna and her mother on Thursday 6 April, they divulged that Jenna was travelling to Wellington the following day to perform the National Anthem, in New Zealand sign, as part of a submission to Parliament.
14. The total required funding of the trip is \$10,650 (not including spending money) and covers travel, educational, camping and medical fees. Jenna has currently raised \$3,450 from varying charitable trust funds, \$300 from a sausage sizzle at Jade Stadium, and is awaiting a response from three recent applications. Jenna is, and has been, working consistently to raise spending money for her year away. She currently cleans a motel on weekends and in the holidays, cleans a house once a week, delivers home care products three times a week, collects cans for recycling, sells fudge and performs babysitting twice weekly. Also, she held another sausage sizzle at Jade Stadium on 7 April.
15. Jenna has agreed to present to the Board on her return and consented to allow us to assist in obtaining a sign language interpreter should one be available.