

## 5. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval of an application of funding for \$340 from its 2005/06 Discretionary fund. This application would have gone to the Youth Development Fund but the total amount of this fund has been allocated for this year.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Johnny Brock, a high school student, has requested funds from the Youth Development Scheme to meet the costs of travelling to Wellington. The purpose of the request is to be able to compete with his band 'Sunburn' in the National Christian Talent Competition finals at the Michael Fowler Centre on 3 June 2006.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The funds requested will be used as follows:
  - (a) Airfares to Wellington. Approximately \$300. This amount may be less depending on the time of booking.
  - (b) Two nights accommodation at the Youth Hostel Association in Wellington at \$20 per night.
  - (c) TOTAL: \$340.
  - (d) This is the first time this young person has applied to the Board for this purpose.

### BACKGROUND ON THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

4. Johnny Brock is 17 years of age, lives in Halswell, and is in his final year at Hillmorton High School. He belongs to a band called "Sunburn" which comprises of four members, three of whom are at school and the fourth is at university. The band has been operating for two years.
5. On Saturday 6 May 2006, the band came first in the Southland heats of the National Christian Talent Competition. As a result of this success they are now eligible to compete in the Nationals in Wellington which is to be held during Queen's Birthday Weekend, on 3 June 2006.
6. Due to the short time frame, funding has been difficult to access. They have just missed out on the application dates for the Riccarton Youth Trust.
7. The band has played at the Dux De Lux recently and will be paid a small amount which they will put towards the trip. They have also been asked by the Christchurch City Council to play at Rowley Primary and Manning Intermediate Schools, and will receive \$400 for these performances. This money will also go towards the cost of the trip to Wellington.
8. Johnny is a very keen musician and the band have done extremely well to get this far in the competition. It is a great opportunity to be able to represent Christchurch in a national competition.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board agrees to allocate \$340 to Johnny Brock for costs related to travelling to Wellington to compete with his band in the National Christian Talent Competition finals on 3 June 2006.