6. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for two applications for funding from its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The two applications are:
 - (a) Laura Ashton, a 14 year old seeking funding to assist in representing Mainland Soccer at the Friendship Games in Sydney in the 14th Grade Girls Development Team. This event will commence on 30 June 2006.
 - (b) Gabrielle Brodie, a 14 year old seeking funding to assist in representing Mainland Soccer at the Friendship Games in Sydney in the 14th Grade Girls Development Team. This event will commence on 30 June 2006.
- 3. This is the first time the applicants have approached the Board for funding support.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4. These applications have been made to the Boards' Youth Development Scheme. These funds have been fully spent for the 2005/06 financial year, hence the applications are being referred to the Boards 2005/06 Discretionary fund.
- 5. There are no other legal issues to be considered. The following tables provides a breakdown of the funding requested:

Laura Ashton	
Expense	Cost (\$)
Airfare (return)	\$ 657.14
Accommodation & Food (9 days)	\$1,060.46
Transport	\$ 57.14
Gear	\$ 67.66
Departure Tax	\$ 25.00
Total Cost	\$1,867.40
Amount Raised by Applicant – as at March 2006	\$ 142.00
Anticipated amount of funds raised at end of fundraising activities	\$1,000 (approx)

Gabrielle Brodie	
Expense	
Airfare (return)	\$ 657.14
Accommodation & Food (9 days)	\$1,060.46
Transport	\$ 57.14
Gear	\$ 67.66
Departure Tax	\$ 25.00
Total Cost	\$1,867.40
Amount Raised by Applicant – as at March 2006	\$ 142.00
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BACKGROUND ON LAURA ASHTON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

- 6. Laura Ashton started playing soccer when she was 12 years of age. Laura attends Riccarton High School and plays soccer for the school. Laura was selected to represent Mainland Soccer in the 14th Grade Girls Development Squad. The 14th Grade Development Squad means all the girls in the team are under the age of 14 as at the beginning of 2006. The squad will be participating in the Friendship Games in Sydney in June 2006. This tournament involves every state team in Australia.
- 7. Laura's main goal for attending the Friendship Games in Sydney in June 2006 is to further develop her skills. Laura's ultimate goal is to make the New Zealand team and play professionally. Laura currently helps out voluntarily once a week at "The Oaks", and is looking forward to doing some Junior coaching at her school this year.
- 8. The total cost of the trip is \$1,867.40. Laura has been raising funds by selling chocolates, helping out with sausage sizzles and doing extra jobs around the house. The parents have taken the responsibility of fundraising on a larger scale and are doing security at Jade Stadium, assisting with the clean up of English Park after a Canterbury United Soccer game (the girls will also be assisting with this), sausage sizzles galore, movie nights and Legends nights. It is anticipated that through the above activities each girl will have raised \$1,000 individually, leaving \$800 to be funded by the parents.

BACKGROUND ON GABRIELLE BRODIE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

- 9. Gabrielle Brodie started playing soccer when she was 9 years of age. Gabrielle lives in Hornby and attends Lincoln High School. She plays registered soccer with Avon United, however, she currently plays for a Mainland Development girls' team in an all boys grade. Gabrielle was selected to represent Mainland Soccer in the 14th Grade Girls Development Squad. The 14th Grade Development Squad means all the girls in the team are under the age of 14 as at the beginning of 2006. The squad will be participating in the Friendship Games in Sydney in June 2006. This tournament involves every state team in Australia.
- 10. Gabrielle is passionate about soccer and her main goal for attending the Friendship Games in Sydney in June 2006 is to further develop her skills. Gabrielle's ultimate goal is to make the New Zealand team and play professionally.
- 11. The total cost of the trip is \$1,867.40. Gabrielle has been raising funds by selling chocolates, helping out with sausage sizzles and doing extra jobs around the house. The parents have taken the responsibility of fundraising on a larger scale and are doing security at Jade Stadium, assisting with the clean up of English Park after a Canterbury United Soccer game (the girls will also be assisting with this), sausage sizzles galore, movie nights, Legends nights. It is anticipated that through the above activities, each girl will have raised \$1,000 individually leaving \$800 to be funded by the parents.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board agrees to allocate \$150 to each applicant from its 2005/06 Discretionary Fund to assist with costs associated with each applicant participating in the Friendship Games in Sydney in the 14th Grade Girls Development Team 2006.