

**6. APPLICATION TO FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval for an application for funding from the 2006/07 Youth Development Scheme.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The applicant, Jamie McLean, a 17 year old Boys High School student, is seeking funds to compete in Oceania Area Track and Field Championships in Apia, Samoa from 14 – 16 December 2006.
3. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table provides a breakdown of trip expenses and funding requested.

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Airfare (return)	\$1,100
Accommodation & Food	\$ 595
Insurance	\$ 30
Uniform	\$ 625
Administration	\$ 150
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 2,500</b>
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee allocate Jamie McLean \$600 from the 2006/07 Youth Development Scheme to assist with costs associated with the applicant's participation in the Oceania Area Track and Field Championships.

## BACKGROUND

5. Jamie has been selected for the New Zealand Under 18 Athletics Team to compete in Oceania Area Track and Field Championships in Apia, Samoa from 14 – 16 December 2006. Participation in the event is not funded by Athletics New Zealand therefore each competitor must meet the costs.
6. Jamie's specialist event is the very challenging octathlon which involves 400m hurdles, shot, javelin, long jump, high jump, 100m, 400m and 10000m. To meet the selection criteria Jamie was required to be placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in the build up events over the last year. Jamie currently holds the New Zealand age group and Canterbury age group title for the octathlon plus he has achieved numerous 1<sup>st</sup> placings within the various disciplines of the octathlon.
7. Jamie is also a very talented soccer player and was in the school 1<sup>st</sup> XI this year and made age group Canterbury representatives teams in 2001 and 2002. In recent years Jamie has focussed his energies on athletics rather than soccer.
8. Jamie received notification of his selection on 31 October which has left very little time to carry out fundraising activities. However the extended family are assisting with raffles and making financial contributions. Another factor that has limited Jamie's fundraising efforts is school exams. Jamie comes from a single parent family and has three other siblings. Consequently meeting the costs of this trip is placing considerable financial stress on the family.
9. In addition to his own regular training Jamie also coaches junior athletics twice a week at the