

5. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – CRITERIA REVIEW

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to review the criteria for the Youth Development Funding Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Fendalton/Waimairi Youth Development Scheme was established in 2005 with the aim of supporting the development of young people through funding assistance to excel in sports, arts, cultural and personal development activities.
3. The existing criteria gives an overview of the types of activities supported however does not give a clear framework to enable consistent decision making. A comprehensive draft criteria is listed below for consideration and discussion.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. In the first year of the scheme (2005/06) the Board allocated \$5,000 which assisted 15 local young people with an average grant of \$400. For this current financial year the allocation was increased to \$10,000.
5. There are no legal considerations in relation to this application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the draft criteria be discussed and agreed upon.

BACKGROUND

EXISTING CRITERIA

Categories for Consideration

Educational Studies

6. This can include personal development opportunities such as leadership skills, career development and skills training, or community based educational studies.

Cultural Studies

7. This can include courses or seminars such as Te Reo lessons, musical training, arts colloquiums etc. It could be for attendance at cultural events taking place locally, nationally or internationally.

Representation at Events

8. It will provide support or assistance if you have been selected to represent your school, team or community at local, national or international event. This includes sporting, cultural and community events.

Recreation Development

9. Assistance to attend or take part in one-off or ongoing recreational events or participation at recreation or sporting development. For example – advanced ballet classes in Wellington, representing Canterbury at rugby.

Capacity Building

10. Providing support for personal development or growth. For example – leadership training.

Eligibility

11.
 - Age groups 12 – 25 years
 - Individuals and groups can apply
 - Projects must have obvious benefits for the young person and if possible the wider community
 - Applications can be made at any time

Draft Fendalton/Waimairi Youth Development Scheme purpose statement and criteria for consideration:

12. **Purpose:** To support the development of young people through funding assistance to excel in sports, arts, cultural and personal development activities.
13. **Criteria:**
 1. Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 25 years.
 2. Only applications from residents in the Fendalton/Waimairi ward will be considered.
 3. Applications must be received prior to the event/activity for which the applicant(s) seek funding for. Retrospective applications **will not** be considered.
 4. Individuals (including those belonging to a group or team) may apply. The Board may choose to make one allocation payable equally to team members if more than one application is submitted.
 5. In the event of receiving multiple funding requests from the same applicant family, the Board may choose to make one allocation payable equally to family members.

6. Funding may include assistance towards travel costs.
7. The purpose of the grant must be shown. Details of course/project costs, current fundraising, contact details of referees, letters of support/references and other sources of funding are to be included with the application.
8. Applicants, where possible, will be expected to make a financial contribution either through fundraising or cash contribution.
9. Projects should have an obvious benefit for the recipient and, if possible, the wider community.
10. Any funding provided will be limited to two grants per individual, and no more than one in any twelve month period.
11. Successful applicants will be invited to report back to the Board following expenditure of their funding support plus an accountability report to be submitted to the relevant Council officer within one month of completion of the event/project.
12. Urgent applications can be approved outside of a Community Service meeting by the Board Chair plus two other members.