

## 12. APPLICATION YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND - ASHLEY AUSTIN

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Community Support Manager
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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Ashley Austin, is a 14 year old Shirley Boys High School student of Bayswater Crescent, Bromley. Ashley is seeking funds to attend the International Futsal Tour to be held in Chengdu, China during March 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 balance of the Youth Development Fund is currently \$4,100. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested.

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Return airfare ex Christchurch	
Airport taxes, visas, insurance	
Accommodation/transfers	
Breakfast and evening meals	
Sightseeing and most activities	
Uniforms	
Training, playing and tournament costs	
<b>Total Cost inclusive of above</b>	<b>4,200.00</b>
Amount being contributed by applicant	3,900.00
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$300.00 to Ashley Austin from the 2006/07 Youth Development Scheme to assist with costs associated with participation in the International Futsal Tour to China in March 2007.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

## BACKGROUND

5. At 14 years of age, Ashley is the youngest Futsal player to be selected in New Zealand to attend the International Futsal tour to China. He has a passion for soccer and has represented Canterbury in outdoor soccer and New Zealand in an Australian regional tournament for Futsal. He has also been awarded an Altruza Citizenship award whilst at Chisnallwood Intermediate School. His other interests include sports in general, athletics, art, music and technology.
6. Ashley is actively seeking part time work to raise the funds required to take part in the International Futsal tour. So far he has been successful with getting some part time work refereeing Futsal in the weekends and he has also been selling chocolate bars. Shirley Boys High School will support his trip with a \$100.00 donation and further fundraising efforts are being explored. Ashley's family are also very supportive of his trip and are doing all they can to supply the funds necessary for the trip to happen.
7. Vikings Futsal is the only FIFA approved indoor soccer sport in New Zealand but is not yet affiliated to Soccer NZ which limits eligibility for funding. This is in the process of being attended to as the sport although recently introduced to New Zealand, has grown rapidly from zero teams to 200 teams in two years. Futsal is the second largest user of QEII and also uses Cowles and Pioneer. Term 4 Futsal at Canterbury School Sports Association is underway and a new initiative is being targeted at intermediate aged girls which is proving popular.