

## 9. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the Soul 7 Dance Crew, a Hornby based female dance group, seeking assistance towards costs associated with travelling to Auckland to appear in a concert and also attend auditions for the 'Dziah' intermediate crew travelling to the world championships. The groups consists of: Grace Olliver, 13 years, Mahara Hepi, 13 years, Chontelle Prasad, 13 years, Vicky Daly, 12 years, Kelly Taylor, 12 years, Georgia Everest, 10 years, Jamee Lee Prasad, 8 years, Tutor: Vanessa Olliver, 16 years. This event will occur from 25 to 29 October 2006.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table provides a breakdown of the funding requested.

<b>SOUL 7 DANCE CREW, 1 TUTOR</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Airfare (return) 8 x \$242.00	\$1,936
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$1,936</b>
Amount Raised/contributed by Applicants	\$ 936
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

### BACKGROUND ON SOUL 7 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

4. Soul 7 was formed in July 2004 and are a Hornby based female dance group from the Riccarton/Wigram area. Soul 7 have competed at both local and national level and have achieved the following results: Winners of the Christchurch 'Tear it Up' competition, winners of the National 'Tear it Up' competition in Wellington, winners of the 'Bounce' competition and second place in the 'Northlands Star Search'. Soul 7 will be attending the 'Off da Hook' dance competition in Auckland on 7 October 2006 and have raised their own funds to pay their expenses for this trip.
5. Soul 7 have been invited to return to Auckland to perform at the 'Dziah' concert in late October and here they will be given the opportunity to audition for the 'Dziah' intermediate crew travelling to the world championships. It is the short timeframe between these two events that has placed them under financial constraint.
6. This young group of girls has achieved at a very high level for their age and this financial assistance will contribute to supporting their ongoing development. They are eager to give back to the community and perform at local community events at no cost.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approves the amount of \$800 from its 2006/07 Youth Development Scheme for costs associated with the Soul 7 Dance Crew travelling to Auckland to appear in a concert and attending auditions for the 'Dziah' intermediate crew travelling to the world championships in October 2006.