

## 19. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present two applications for funding to the Community Board from the 2006/07 Youth Development Scheme.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The two applications are:

Soksomang Chea (15 years) and Soknath Chea (14 years), students at Burnside High School, have been selected to participate in the New Zealand Boxing Championships in Rotorua from 27 – 30 September 2006.

3. This is the first time the applicants have approached the Community Board for funding support.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The funding being requested is to contribute towards the cost of travel, uniforms, accommodation and meals. The following table provides a breakdown of the funding requested per applicant:

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Return airfares	335.00
Uniforms	162.50
Accommodation and food (4 nights shared, budget accommodation)	\$80.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>677.50</b>
Amount contributed by applicant and coach to meet shortfall	277.50
<b>Amount requested from Community Board per applicant</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board allocate each applicant \$400.00 from the Youth Development Scheme to support these young people attend the New Zealand Boxing Championships.

### BACKGROUND ON APPLICANTS

5. Soknath and Soksomang are part of a team of eight boxers from the Alex Fidow gym who are competing in the NZ Championships. Alex Fidow is a highly respected and dedicated boxing coach, committed to enabling young people develop their skills and pursue this sport to a high level. These young people have demonstrated significant talent at a local level and by going to the New Zealand Boxing Championships they will learn a lot from the competitive experience and develop their boxing skills.