

13. APPLICATION YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND - MERE-ANA BRENNAN AND ANDREW PANIRAU-GLOVER

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The two applications are:

Mere-Ana Brennan (25 years) from Phillipstown and Andrew Panirau-Glover (17 years) from Linwood to attend the New Zealand Boxing Championships in Rotorua from 27-30 September 2006.

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

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. 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:

EXPENSES	COST (\$)
Airfare (Return)	335.00
Uniforms	162.50
Accommodation and food (4 nights shared, budget accommodation)	180.00
Total Cost	\$677.50
Amount contributed by applicant and coach to meet shortfall	277.50
Amount Requested from Community Board per applicant	\$400.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

Not seen by Chairperson.

BACKGROUND

4. Both applicants live in Hagley/Ferrymead. They are part of a group of eight boxers plus coach Alex Fidow of Boxing Canterbury Metro Association Inc, located in Woolston, attending the Championships.

Mere-Ana is a student at CPIT and Andrew has completed his secondary schooling at Shirley Boys High and is working to be able to study graphic design next year.

Both applicants are on extremely limited incomes and this funding support will enable them to compete.

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.

Alex has only recently become aware of the Youth Development Funding Scheme and as a result this is a supplementary report to enable attendance at the NZ Boxing Championships.