

10. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board approval for an application for funding from its 2006/2007 Youth Achievement Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant Sok Samnang Keo (Lucky), a 13 year old who lives in the Rowley area, towards the costs of attending the New Zealand Boxing Championships in Rotorua from 27 – 30 September 2006.
3. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table provides a breakdown of the costs involved in attending the Boxing Championships.

EXPENSES FOR SOK SAMNANG KEO	Cost (\$)
Return airfares	\$335.00
Uniforms	\$162.50
Accommodation and food (4 nights shared, budget accommodation)	\$180.00
Total Cost	\$677.50
Amount contributed by applicant or coach to meet shortfall	\$177.50
Amount requested from Community Board	\$500.00

BACKGROUND ON YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

5. Sok Samnang attends Manning Intermediate and lives in Rowley Avenue. Sok Samnang and 8 other boxers, with the support of their coach Alex Fidow from the Boxing Canterbury Metro Association Inc. hope to attend the New Zealand Boxing Championships at the end of September.
6. Alex Fidow is a highly respected and dedicated boxing coach who is committed to assisting young people develop their boxing skills and pursue this sport to a high level.
7. Sok Samnang has demonstrated significant boxing talent for someone of his age. His school teacher has been impressed with the significant and positive impact this sport has had on Sok's self esteem, attitude and determination to do well. The school is fully supportive of Sok Samnang attending the National Championships and feels the opportunity to compete at a national level will have a number of benefits for him.
8. Coach Alex Fidow has only recently become aware of the Youth Development Funding Scheme, and without funding support Sok Samnang will be unable to afford the airfare required to get to Rotorua.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board agree to allocate \$500 from the 2006/2007 Youth Achievement Fund to support Sok Samnang Keo attending the New Zealand Boxing Championships.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.