

9. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941-8534
Officer responsible:	Recreation and Sport Unit Manager
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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 the 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant, a 16 year old boy who lives in the Beckenham area, towards costs associated with representing New Zealand in the Under 19 Cross Country Team at the 2006 UCI World Mountain Bike Championships to be held in Rotorua at the end of August.
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 details trip expenses and funding requested by the applicant.

EXPENSES FOR NICHOLAS FERIGO	Cost (\$)
Airfare (return)	\$ 350
Accommodation	\$ 280
Food	
Rental Transport	\$ 250
Equipment – race tyres, bike service etc	\$ 500
Total Cost	\$1,380
Amount raised/contributed by applicant	\$ 700
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 500

BACKGROUND ON NICHOLAS FERIGO

5. Nicholas Ferigo is a 16 year old student at Cashmere High School who has been selected to represent New Zealand in the Under 19 Cross Country Team at the 2006 UCI World Mountain Bike Championships in Rotorua.
6. In the three seasons he has been riding with the Pegasus Club, Nicholas has figured strongly in high profile domestic and national events throughout New Zealand steadily improving and gaining in experience as he has risen through each of the junior grades.
7. Nicholas has had a promising start to his career in mountain biking but also in the discipline of road racing. As a junior under 17 rider he has represented New Zealand at the Tour of Canberra in Australia, at which he took the overall leaders jersey, as well as the king of the mountains competition.
8. Nicholas has been training intensively to build up for the World Mountain Bike Championships. Trips to Nelson, Dunedin and Rotorua to compete in Mountain Bike National Series events have provided a good build up for the World Championships with Nicholas currently being ranked third in New Zealand.
9. To date Nicholas has raised \$700 towards the \$1,380 total cost of this trip. Nicholas has raised \$500 through a sponsorship deal with Bike HQ to cover the cost of his biking equipment and \$200 through donations from family members and friends.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$400 from its 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund to Nicholas Ferigo to represent New Zealand in the Under 19 Cross Country Team at the 2006 UCI World Mountain Bike Championships in Rotorua.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.