

## 11. APPLICATION YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND - KIRSTEN JANE MANDER

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<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Manager Recreation and Sport
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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider an application to the Hagley/Ferrymead Youth Development Scheme.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Kirsten Jane Mander, a 19 year old of St Andrews Hill, Mt Pleasant, is seeking assistance toward costs associated with competing in the Portimao International Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition in Portugal. This trip will occur from 20 April 2007-7 May 2007.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

<b>KIRSTEN JANE MANDER</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Accommodation/Meals	\$ 1,000
Airfares/Local Transport/Insurance	\$ 3,000
Fees and Uniforms	\$ 720
<b>Total Cost per Applicant</b>	<b>\$ 4,720</b>
Funds Raised by Applicant to Date	\$ 1,000
Personal funds	Outstanding amount
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>Not specified</b>

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$300 to the applicant, Kirsten Jane Mander, to compete in April 2007 at the Portimao International Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition in Portugal.

### BACKGROUND

4. Kirsten is a second year Canterbury University student studying a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Spanish and mass communications.
5. A high achieving individual, Kirsten excelled at Rangi Ruru Secondary School as a leader and participant in gymnastics, drama and academic excellence. She is an accomplished ballet dancer and was awarded highest achievement in Grade 7 RAD honours.
6. Kirsten has been competing in Rhythmic Gymnastics for seven years and is a repeated New Zealand national title holder. She has also won a bronze medal at Australian Nationals in 2005 and competed in the Yule Cup Challenge and LA Lights competitions in the USA in 2004 achieving 19<sup>th</sup> overall.
7. Kirsten's goal is to qualify for the 2007 World Gymnastics to be held in Greece in September and this competition will be part of the preparation required to achieve this ambition.
8. The team has been working hard to raise funds for this competition with sausage sizzles, selling chocolates, a garage sale and a canteen at a local Rhythmic Gymnastics competition. The gymnasts are well supported by their parents to enable the trip to go ahead. As a University student, Kirsten has limited personal funds to contribute to the costs of this trip and would be most appreciative of Board support.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.