

7. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Board an application for funding from its 2007/08 Youth Development Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicants, Rhiannon Harnett, a 17 year old of Pegasus Avenue, North Beach; and Tracy Kiesanowski, a 16 year old of Royalist Avenue, North Beach. Both applicants attend Marian College. The applicants are members of the Marian College Aerobic Squad, who have qualified to compete in the Australian Federation of International Sport Aerobics and Fitness Open in Melbourne on 15 and 16 September 2007 as part of the New Zealand team.
3. This is the first time the applicants have approached the Board for funding support.

BACKGROUND OF APPLICANTS

4. In support of these applications, the following background information has been supplied by each applicant; Coach, Brooke Beattie; Kathy Seaward, Marian College: and Nicky Harrall, Marian College Aerobic Squad Manager.
 - The young women are competing as a trio, the third member of the team also attends Marian College, but resides in the Hagley/Ferrymead ward area, therefore her application will be assessed by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board at the end of July.
 - Applicants are all dedicated, enthusiastic athletes with success at both regional and national levels. Competition at this level is tough and extremely competitive and the young women are all committed to training up to four days a week with the aim of returning with medals.
 - There are many ongoing expenses associated with the sport including training gear, shoes, outfits, travel to national competitions and coaching. Limited time is available for raising funds to participate in this competition because of academic and training work loads.
 - Tracy's parents are in a position to provide a higher level of financial assistance for the trip whereas Rhiannon's parents also have to cover her mother's costs to go on the trip to accompany the young women and be their Manager.
 - Rhiannon (Annie) has been competing in sports aerobics for four years at regional and national level gaining three bronze medals and one gold. Before aerobics she enjoyed jazz dancing for eight years and gymnastics for two years. Rhiannon wants to make a career in fitness and health.
 - The young women are highly valued students of Marian College. Both young women coach aerobics to junior students at Marian College. The team is committed to giving back to the community and would be very happy to perform at any event/s the Board considers appropriate, in return for financial assistance to attend the competition.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The following table details event expenses and funding requested for each applicant:

Expenses for Each Applicant	Cost (\$NZ)
Accommodation	206.65
Airfares	460.00
Internal transport (hire bus share)	43.73
Transfers	22.30
Meals	167.00
Total	899.68
Less Contribution from the school	50.00
Total Cost	\$849.68
Amount raised by applicant to date - this is proving difficult due to academic and training commitments. Extenuating financial circumstances apply to Rhiannon Harnett's application	
Amount requested from Board for Rhiannon Harnett	\$600-\$840
Amount requested from Board for Tracy Kiesanowski	\$440

Both Rhiannon and Tracy work part-time in the weekends and will use the funds they have saved to support the costs of this trip. No other fundraising has occurred due to the small team and time constraints.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

6. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

8. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Yes, relates to 2007/08 Community Board Funding Allocations.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

10. Yes, as mentioned above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable/

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board members of the Funding Assessment Committee allocate: Rhiannon Harnett \$500 and Tracy Kiesanowski \$300 from its 2007/08 Youth Development Fund to assist the applicants to participate in the Australian Aerobic Competition.