

4. APPLICATION TO THE FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JADE STEELE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Community Board's 2007/08 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Jade Steele, is an 18 year old local resident who has been selected to join the prestigious London School of Musical Theatre.
3. Earlier this year Jade travelled to London and successfully auditioned for a place in the school. Jade is the first New Zealander to be accepted for this year-long course which commences on 3 September 2007. Jade is described as having a rare talent with the ability to become an internationally acclaimed performer in musical theatre. Her performance as Belle, in the New Zealand premiere of Beauty and the Beast in both Wellington and Christchurch, was described as compelling, displaying a refined acting ability coupled with rich, versatile vocal performances.
4. At the age of 18, Jade already has more experience and training than a New Zealand based performing arts school can offer. In order for her to further develop her career it is essential that she gains exposure to the best international tutors and agents and for her to be based in a country that has an established professional musical theatre industry.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The cost to attend the year long course at the London School of Musical Theatre is \$30,000. Coupled with this, Jade will incur living expenses during her year in London, plus air travel. Total projected costs are \$52,000.
6. Funding applications to offset course costs have been submitted to various funding bodies and are still under consideration. All outstanding costs will be met through family funds and Jade's personal savings.
7. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for financial support.

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

8. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2007/08 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2007/08 Project Funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

9. There are no legal implications with regard to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Aligns with page 170 of the LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

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

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the application and allocate \$1000 to Jade Steele from the 2007/08 Youth Development Scheme.