

14. APPLICATION TO HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - JORDAN KELLY-HOUSTON

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services, Stephen McArthur, DDI 941-8534
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for an application for funding from the 2006/07 Hagley/Ferrymead Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant, Jordan Kelly-Houston, a 15 year old boy of Marriner Street, Sumner who attends Christchurch Boys High School. Jordan is one of seven junior tennis players training with coach Glenn Wilson in Canterbury's Junior Academy of Excellence. He has been selected to play in the annual South Pacific International Tennis Federation (ITF) tournament and will be playing in four, five day tournaments in three different countries (Fiji, New Zealand and Australia) during June and July 2007.
3. Jordan's application for funding aligns with two of the five Youth Development Scheme categories that are eligible for consideration. These are: representation at events and recreation development. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Board for funding support.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested for Jordan to play at the South Pacific International Tennis Federation (ITF) tournament as follows:

Fiji 23 - 30 June, Auckland 8 - 11 July, Darwin and Northern Territories 11 – 22 July

EXPENSES FOR JORDAN KELLY-HOUSTON	Cost (\$)
Fiji June 23 – 30 2007	
Coaching	200
Transport (hotel)	60
Accommodation	290
*Flight	969
Daily meals	300
Daily taxi to courts	30
	1,849
Auckland July 8 – 11 2007	
Coaching (nil)	-
Transport (airport)	80
Accommodation (staying with friend)	-
*Flight (included in above expenses to Fiji)	-
Daily meals	120
Daily transport	100
	300
Darwin and Northern Territory July 11 – 22 2007	
Coaching	
Transport (hotel)	400
Daily transport	30
Accommodation	42
Flight	735
Daily meals	1,422
	700
	3,329
Total	\$5,478
Amount raised by applicant to date – funding will be provided by parent	-
Amount requested from Community Board	\$500

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

5. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

7. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. Yes, relates to 2006 – 07 Community Board Funding Allocations.

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

9. Yes, as mentioned above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$500 from the 2006/07 Youth Development Scheme to assist Jordan Kelly-Houston participate in the South Pacific International Tennis Federation Tournament.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

BACKGROUND OF APPLICANT

13. In support of this application, the following background information has been supplied by the applicant, Jordan Kelly-Houston; his mother, Stephanie Kelly and Jordan's coach, Glenn Wilson.
- Jordan has been playing tennis since he was six years old. He is currently the highest internationally ranked NZ player in his age group, with a current junior rank of around 50th in his age group.
 - Jordan's goal is to play Davis Cup tennis for NZ while becoming a professional tennis player. In order to do this a player must build up junior ITF points till the age of 18, before setting out on the senior professional circuit. This always poses a challenge for NZ players as the ITF tournaments in Oceania and South Pacific are limited.
 - Jordan balances his demanding training and travel schedule with full academic studies. He is in his NCEA year at Christchurch Boys High where he is also carrying out several Cambridge classes.
 - The financial and time pressures for Jordan to compete in his chosen sport and for him to continue to do well academically are considerable. Jordan is achieving all of this with the support of just one parent. This is particularly challenging as Jordan's mother runs a café, which is very time consuming - working an average of 60 -80 hours a week, in an industry where income is unpredictable.
 - Jordan is an outstanding sportsperson who is regarded highly by his coach, Glenn Wilson as being a well rounded individual who is respectful of others and in return is well liked. As a determined and hard working player, Jordan's coach is confident that he will take full advantage of the opportunities that are there for him to pursue his future in tennis.