

8. APPLICATION TO SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME

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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 2006/2007 Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant, a 16 year old girl who lives in the Waltham area, towards costs associated with attending an international sports and cultural tournament called 'Southern Skies' which is happening in Brisbane in July 2007.
3. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

BACKGROUND ON MERON BEDER

4. Meron Beder is a 16 year old student from Hagley Community College who has been selected as a member of the Girls Football Team to attend the 'Southern Skies' sports tournament. The Southern Skies Tournament is an international event being held in Brisbane from 7 – 14 July 2007.
5. Meron is originally from Ethiopia where she lived for thirteen years before moving to New Zealand three years ago. Meron lives with her brother and sister-in-law in the Waltham area.
6. Meron has been a member of the Hagley Community College Girls Football team since 2005 and holds the position of striker. Meron played in her first official football tournament in Nelson last year. Meron played football prior to coming to New Zealand but the conditions were very different. In Ethiopia there was no grass to play on, the children played in the mud and sport shoes were worn, instead of football boots and shin pads.
7. The coach of Meron's soccer team states that "Meron is a very committed team member who attends every practice and meeting. Meron gets on well with all the members in the team and shows great talent and passion for the game".
8. To date Meron has raised \$209 through various fundraising activities including a fun run, car parking marshalling, event clean up at QEII and donations. Additional fundraising activities are being carried out by the school in the lead up to the July departure date.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested by the applicant

EXPENSES FOR MERON BEDER	Cost (\$)
Travel - Flights	\$
Accommodation	\$
Food	\$
Transport	\$
Team Gear	\$
Total Cost	\$ 2500.00
Amount raised by applicant to date	\$ 209.00
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 500.00

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

10. Yes, 2006-2007 Community Board Funding Allocations, page 173.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

12. No.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. Yes, relates to 2006-2007 Community Board Funding Allocations, page 173.

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

14. Yes, as mentioned above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. Recreation and Sport Policy.
Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

16. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$300.00 from the 2006/2007 Youth Achievement Scheme to Meron Beder to attend the 'Southern Skies' tournament in Brisbane in July 2007.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.