

2. APPLICATION TO HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present an application for the Board to consider funding materials required to make uniforms for the Linwood College Pasifika Culture Group.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. A recent growth of members in the Linwood College Pasifika Culture Group has resulted in the need to make new uniforms for the whole group to perform with pride at the Christchurch Pasifika Cultural Festival from 26 to 30 March 2007. A deputation by the group was received at the Board's meeting on 14 March 2007 and it was resolved to hold an extraordinary meeting for an application to be considered. The uniforms will be made by volunteer sewers.
3. The application aligns with Council's Strong Communities strategic direction and the following Board Objectives:
 - Acknowledge diversity and support measures for vibrant, inclusive, strong communities.
 - Encourage participation in recreation, sports and arts for all.
 - Support/advocate for initiatives that support lifelong learning.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

LINWOOD COLLEGE PASIFIKA CULTURE GROUP	
Expenses	Cost (\$)
Material	437.30
Thread	17.00
Hooks and eyes	5.00
Total Cost	459.00
Contribution made by group - volunteer sewers	78 hours
Amount Requested from Board	\$459.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$459 to the Linwood College Pasifika Culture Group for the materials required to make new uniforms.

BACKGROUND ON LINWOOD COLLEGE PASIFIKA CULTURE GROUP

5. The current Linwood College Pasifika Culture Group has been together for two years. There are 26 students in the group (Years 9 to 13) and they come from a mix of cultural backgrounds including Cook Island, Tongan, Maori and Samoan. The group has increased significantly from 16 students to 26 this year. This has been the result of new Year 9 students coming into the school, families moving from Auckland to Christchurch and current members staying involved.
6. The group provides an opportunity to increase cultural awareness within the school and the wider community. Performing at the Christchurch Pasifika Cultural Festival, the Linwood College International Food Fair, cultural awards and the Linwood cluster celebration evening results in an enormous sense of pride, identity, expression of diversity and positive use of leisure time. There are also opportunities for the group to perform at local community events such as LYFE or Culture Galore.
7. The group is committed to developing their skills and put in many hours of work, practising each day during lunch and after-school. Leaders from within the group, ex students and older siblings take an important role in teaching the members various cultural practices and support the group by playing the instruments.
8. Fundraising efforts have been intensive to enable the group to attend the secondary school ASB festival in Manukau to participate in the cultural events surrounding the festival with the aim of competing in next year's festival. All these funds are tagged for transport and accommodation. Members of the group have limited means and there is no surplus for the new uniforms. The group have also approached Linwood College about a new culture uniform but there are no funds available at this time.