

8. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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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 2006/07 Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the Cashmere High School Senior Girls' Volleyball Teams (A and B Teams) for funding support to travel to the New Zealand Secondary School Volleyball Championships in Tauranga in late March.
3. This is the first time the teams have approached the Community Board for funding support.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. As at 6 March 2007, a total of \$5,500 has been allocated from the Youth Achievement Scheme from a total funding pool of \$7,500.
5. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested in this application.

Expenses for Cashmere High School Girls' A and B Volleyball Teams Tour to NZ Secondary School Championships	Cost (\$)
Return flights (for 24 people)	\$ 9,672
Mini Van hire (2 x 12 seaters for 7 days)	\$ 1,722
Accommodation (24 people)	\$ 5,880
Food (24 people x \$15 day)	\$ 2,520
Total Cost	\$20,994
Amount raised/contributed by applicants (fundraising to date)	\$ 6,000
Other fundraising (grant from Lion Foundation)	\$ 8,000
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 200 per applicant

BACKGROUND ON CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

6. An application has been submitted by the Cashmere High School Senior Girls' Volleyball A and B Teams. A list of the squad members who reside within the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward has been provided and twenty local girls will be travelling to the NZ Secondary School Volleyball Championships in Tauranga.
7. The Secondary School Volleyball Championships are happening in Tauranga from 25 March – 1 April 2007. The two teams will be flying up to Tauranga and staying at Bennetts Tauranga Motel for the week. The teams will be accompanied by their coach Mike Rickerby and three staff members. It is estimated that each girl will need to pay \$1,000 to cover the cost of accommodation, travel and food (not including spending money).
8. The girls are extremely excited about this trip and have worked hard in the lead up to the Secondary School Championships, training three times per week and playing in local competitions two days per week.
9. The girls have been actively fundraising since the beginning of the school year, and to date have raised \$6,000. Fundraising activities that have been carried out include a sausage sizzle and ice cream sales at the school sports day, work at a local print company preparing a mail out, lamington sales and a garage sale held at the school. Future fundraising activities that will be carried out prior to their departure, include the selling of coloured wrist bands which match the school houses (these will be sold throughout the school) and a quiz evening.
10. The teams have secured a grant of \$8,000 from the Lion Foundation, meaning that to date they have raised \$14,000 towards the total trip cost of \$21,000 with some further fundraising likely to be secured via the fundraising activities that are yet to take place.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocates \$400 per team towards the cost of attending the NZ Secondary Schools' Volleyball Championships in Tauranga in March.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.