

9. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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| General Manager responsible: | General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534 |
| Officer responsible: | Recreation and Sport Unit Manager |
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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 applicant, a 13 year old boy who lives in the St Martins area, towards costs associated with representing Canterbury in the 2007 Ice Hockey Friendship Games to be held in Dunedin from Tuesday 20 March until Thursday 29 March 2007.
3. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested by the applicant.
5. No financial contribution has been made towards the cost of this trip from Canterbury Minor Ice Hockey or the Canterbury Ice Hockey Association.

| Expenses for Josh Rochford | Cost (\$) |
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| Travel | \$ 150 |
| Accommodation (2 days prior to tournament) | \$ 100 |
| Food (2 days prior to tournament) | \$ 100 |
| Ice Time – pre tournament – 40 hours @ \$220 p/h = \$8,000/15 people | \$ 533 |
| Equipment/Uniform Costs – breakdown costs can be provided | \$ 840 |
| Gifts/badges to swap | \$ 198 |
| Other costs | \$ 210 |
| Total Cost | \$2,181 |
| Amount raised/contributed by applicant | \$ 900 |
| Other fundraising | \$ amount unknown |
| Amount Requested from Community Board | \$ 300 |

BACKGROUND ON JOSH ROCHFORD

6. Josh Rochford is a 13 year old, year 9 student at St Thomas of Canterbury College and has been selected to represent Canterbury at the Ice Hockey Friendship Games in Dunedin in March 2007.
7. Josh has been playing ice hockey for 6 years and was first selected to represent Canterbury in 2004, in the under 13 ice hockey rep team. Josh has continued to be selected for Canterbury age group teams, last year making the under 16 development squad. The team for the Friendship Games has been training 2-3 times a week in the lead up to the tournament in Dunedin.
8. The Friendship Games happen every two years in various countries around the world, and eligibility for entry requires individuals to be aged either 12 or 13 years of age. This year the Friendship Games are being held in Dunedin, and some of the other countries that will be participating include Canada, Japan, USA and Australia.
9. The Friendship Games have a dual purpose: competitive ice hockey matches as well as a cultural exchange. The team with the most victories and the least amount of penalty points over the 10 day period will win the competition. The children are expected to play good, clean and fair ice hockey. For the duration of the tournament the team will be billeted with local Dunedin families.
10. To date \$900 (approx) has been raised towards the total cost of this trip. Other fundraising has also been carried out through a number of fundraising activities including selling chocolates, sausage sizzles, raffles etc. This additional fundraising is likely to be used towards the costs of accommodation for parents and carers who will be accompanying the team on their trip.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$300 from the 2006/07 Youth Achievement Scheme to Josh Rochford, to represent Canterbury at the Ice Hockey Friendship Games in Dunedin in March 2007.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.