

6. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek funding from the Board's Discretionary Fund for Megan Harte to attend the Digital Earth International Symposium on Sustainability at Berkley University in San Francisco on 2 and 3 June 2007.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Megan Harte is a twenty year old third year university student studying at Canterbury University towards a B.Sc in Geography. Megan is passionate about connecting people, ideas and concepts of sustainability, and translating them into action and visions. She is currently the co-director of the newly established Students of Aotearoa Network for the Environment (sane), and engaging in the local and national debate on sustainability.
3. Digital Earth is a visionary concept for the virtual and 3-D representation of the earth that is spatially referenced and interconnected with digital knowledge archives from around the planet with vast amounts of scientific, natural, and cultural information to describe and understand the Earth, its systems, and human activities. Digital Earth is a global partnership between NGO's, educators, business, government leaders and young people collaborating for a better future. Megan believes that young people need to be engaged in this debate, more so than anyone else and attended the Digital Earth Summit on Sustainability in Auckland in 2006.
4. It is important for Megan to attend the symposium for the following reasons:
 - The skills gained would be beneficial to the sustainability task force within the USCA.
 - Provide new and exciting research opportunities to be explored.
 - Opportunity to gauge the student environment scene in use, and to make connections and network, filtering back not only to Canterbury University but also to al universities and a growing number of high schools and polytechnics around New Zealand.
 - Megan will be part of a team of students who will be setting up an interactive video conference between Otago University, Canterbury University, Auckland University, Berkley University and a University in China. The purpose of this is to share what has been happening at the symposium and also have some of the key note speakers be able to discuss and respond to students from the latter universities.
5. Registration is due in mid-May. She has approached the following groups for funding assistance towards this trip; Ministry for the Environment, Green Party, ECAN, Sustainable Business Network of New Zealand, Ecostore, Meridian Energy, Canterbury University, NIWA, NZ Business Council for sustainable development and ANEW NZ. Megan is still waiting to hear whether she has been granted any funds from these organisations. An update of her financial situation will be given at the Board meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The approximate costs for the trip would be:

MEGAN HARTE	
Expenses	Cost \$
Plane ticket	\$1,250 (special deal on hold for Megan)
Registration	\$ 350 (USD \$250)
Accommodation	\$ 450 (\$45 NZD/\$35USD per night for 10 days conference)
Food	\$ 500 (\$27NZD/\$20USD per day)
Travel insurance	\$ 300
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 600
Total	\$3,500

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

- 7 Yes. See page 172, Youth Development Scheme and Discretionary Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

8. Yes. There are no legal issues to be considered

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Yes.

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

10. Yes. See page 172 Youth Development Scheme and Discretionary Fund.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. Yes in alignment with Youth Policy and Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. All appropriate consultation has taken place.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board agrees to allocate to Megan Harte the amount of \$500 towards attending the Digital Earth International Symposium On Sustainability in San Francisco in June 2007. As the Youth Development Fund has been exhausted for this year it is recommended that \$500 be allocated from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary Fund.