

**6. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – GRANT BALLINGER**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Community Group, DDI 941-8534
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Unit Manager Recreation and Sport Unit
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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present an application for funding to the Board from the 2007/08 Discretionary fund.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The applicant is Grant Ballinger – a 30 year old seeking funds to attend the Special Olympics 2007 World Summer Games in China for the New Zealand Basketball team. The Games run from the 21 September - 17 October 2007.

**Background on Grant Ballinger**

3. Grant Ballinger lives in Independence House in Bristol Street, St Albans. Grant currently attends Peeps Trust three days a week and is a gardener at Hillmorton Hospital two days a week. Grant has been playing basketball for the last 10 years.
4. Grant is enthusiastic about his basketball and is very committed to developing his potential. Only two athletes were selected from Canterbury Basketball Special Olympics to represent New Zealand. Grant currently trains four times a week and has attended three intensive team camps in the lead up to the Special Olympics Summer Games.
5. This event is a once in a life time opportunity for Grant. The World Summer Games will be held in Asia for the first time and only the second time out of the United States. Over 7,500 athletes will compete at the event. Running in conjunction with the competition programme is a health and activity programme for all athletes.
6. Grant has been working hard to fundraise with the other athletes from Canterbury; he also is planning to sell some of his paintings. The financial resources of the family are very limited and any assistance from the Board would be much appreciated. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Board.
7. The following tables provide a general overview of the funding requested:

<b>New Zealand Special Olympics World Summer Games China 21 September - 17 October 2007.</b>	
Total Cost	10,000
Special Olympics Canterbury Committee Contribution	5,000
Money Raised so far	1,400
<b>Amount Requested from Board</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. There are no direct financial considerations.

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

9. Covered by existing Community Board budgets.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

10. Not applicable.

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

11. Not applicable.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

12. Page 176 of the LTCCP, level of service under Community Board funding.

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

13. As above.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

14. Recreation and Sport, Youth, Community & Social Wellbeing policies.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

15. Yes.

#### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

16. Not applicable.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approves \$1,000 from 2007/2008 Discretionary funds to enable the applicant Grant Ballinger to attend the World Summer Special Olympics Games in China from 21 September -17 October 2007.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendations be adopted.