

**18. APPLICATION TO THE SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD 2007/2008 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Community Board's 2007/08 Youth Achievement Scheme.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Funding is being sought by the Cashmere High School Senior Boys and Girls Basketball Teams to attend the National Secondary Schools Basketball Tournament in Auckland, from 24 to 29 September 2007.
3. This is the first time the basketball teams have approached the Community Board for funding support.

**BACKGROUND ON CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS**

4. An application has been submitted by the Cashmere High School Senior Boys and Girls Basketball Teams. A list of the squad members that reside within the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward has been provided and a total of 24 local students will be travelling to the National Secondary Schools Basketball Tournament in Auckland.
5. The National Secondary Schools Tournament is being held on the North Shore from Monday 24 September through to Saturday 29 September (first week of the school holidays). Both teams recently competed in the South Island Basketball Championships and qualified to compete in the Nationals in Auckland. The boys team finished fourth overall in the South Island Championships and has qualified in the top half of the teams contesting the National Championships (24 teams competing). The girls team finished third in the South Island Championships and have qualified as the ninth seeded team (out of 24) for the Nationals.
6. This is the first time both senior teams have qualified to attend the Nationals, with the girls team not competing at this level since 1981. The South Island Championships concluded two weeks ago, therefore the team have a short timeframe to fundraise towards the cost of attending the Nationals in Auckland.
7. The students have been actively fundraising since qualifying for the Nationals and have to date raised \$3,422. The teams have secured a grant from the Lion Foundation of \$1,500 and are currently awaiting the outcome of an application lodged with the NZ Community Trust. The team will continue to fundraise in the time leading up to their departure and are intending to sell lily bulbs as their main fundraising venture over the next few weeks.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested by the applicant:

<b>EXPENSES FOR CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Return flights	\$ 8,383.50
Accommodation	\$ 7,129.00
Food	\$ 5,000.00
Van Hire	\$ 2,076.00
Petrol	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous costs (\$1,000 per team)	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 25,088.50</b>
Amount raised by applicants to date	\$ 3,422.00
Other fundraising to date	\$ 1,500.00
Amount requested from Community Board	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>

9. As at 10 September 2007 a total of \$4,250 remains unallocated from the total Youth Achievement Scheme budget of \$7,500.

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

10. The applicants are seeking funding from the Community Board's 2007/08 Youth Achievement Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2007/08 Project Funding.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

11. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

12. Aligns with pages 170 and 174 of the LTCCP regarding Community Board Project 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. Application aligns with the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

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

15. As above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

16. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$400 per team towards the cost of attending the National Secondary Schools Basketball Tournament in Auckland.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion.