

8. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - CHLOE BIDDICK

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme. There is currently \$350 remaining in this fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Chloe Biddick, a 15 year old student from Avonhead.
3. Chloe has been successful in her application to be part of the Christchurch student exchange group to visit Nikaho City, Akita Prefecture, Northern Japan in January 2010. Christchurch and Nikaho have a long established link and friendship based on the historical visits of Japan's Antarctic Explorer stopping off in Lyttelton during visits to Antarctica.
4. In January 2010, Chloe will be part of a group consisting of 12 students and two experienced leaders to be hosted by Japanese families for a week. During this time they will be visiting local sights and schools, participating in the Anniversary Day Show Walk, and experiencing Japanese culture first hand.
5. Chloe is in Year 10 at Riccarton High School and is involved in a number of extra-curricular activities. Last year Chloe received an all-round Merit award and an Excellence in Japanese award. She is the co-secretary of the school Council and is also on the culture committee. She is also involved with SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) and recently attended the regional SADD conference in Blenheim as Riccarton's representative.
6. Chloe believes the Nikaho City exchange would be of benefit to her in regards to further building her leadership skills, confidence, and expanding her Japanese vocabulary. She is also looking forward to experiencing the Japanese culture and telling the Japanese people she meets all about New Zealand.
7. Chloe has lived in the Fendalton/Waimairi ward her whole life, her mother has lived here 40 years, and her grandparents 50 years.
8. Chloe has been undertaking a number of other fundraising activities including selling books and other items on Trademe and holding garage sales. She has also been doing extra chores around her home to earn more money.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. A breakdown of the costs involved is as follows:

Expenditure	\$
Airfares (International)	\$2,060
Travel from Tokyo to Akita, Group Travel Insurance, Hotel accommodation and meals en route	\$1,140
Total	\$3,200

10. This is the first time that Chloe has applied to the Board for financial support.
11. There is currently \$350 remaining in the Youth Development Scheme.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

12. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

13. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

14. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. Aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy goal of empowering young people so they can exercise choice and be effective in asserting their views and aspirations.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. No external consultation needs to be undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Committee recommend that the Board approve the application and allocate \$350 to Chloe Biddick for costs associated with attending the Nikaho City student exchange, dependant on the Board increasing the funding available in the Youth Development Scheme.