

## 5. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JESSICA AGAR

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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.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Jessica Agar, an 18 year old Allenvale School student living in Bryndwr.
3. Jessica has been selected for the Allenvale School basketball team to compete in the Special Olympics National Games being held in Palmerston North in December this year.
4. Jesscia has been a student at Allenvale School for the last five years and has played basketball for the last two years. The school advises that she will continue with Special Olympics basketball upon leaving school. This will provide her with the opportunity to maintain social contact and be active in the community.
5. Special Olympics is a year round programme of sports training and competition for young people and adults with an intellectual disability. Athletes can be young as five and there is no upper age limit. Special Olympics New Zealand is a registered Charitable Trust established in 1983. There are over 5,000 athletes training and competing supported by over 2,500 volunteers throughout the country.
6. Individuals who compete in Special Olympics improve physical fitness and motor skills, improve social skills and gain self confidence. World wide, Special Olympics is the largest movement for acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The total cost to attend the event is \$942 which covers airfares, accommodation and transfers.
8. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support.

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

9. This application is seeking funding from the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme subject to the establishment of this scheme as part of the Board's 2009/10 Board Discretionary Response Fund.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

### ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

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

12. As above.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

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

14. As above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

15. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee recommends that the Board approve the application and allocate \$250 to Jessica Agar to compete in the Special Olympics National Games.