

#### 4. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – AMELIA COLEMAN

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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 the Youth Development Scheme Fund, with a report for an additional \$5,000 from the Discretionary Response Fund, being put forward.

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Amelia Coleman a 13 year old Villa Maria student living in Ilam.
3. Amelia is seeking funds to compete in two international Rhythmic Gymnastics tournaments, the Yule Cup and LA Lights being held in Seattle and Los Angeles in January 2010. Amelia is the current age group New Zealand Rhythmic Champion and has represented New Zealand in the Australian Nationals since age nine.
4. Amelia is competing in these tournaments as a representative of the Olympia Gymnastics Club with aim of achieving an international ranking. Her aim is to compete in the 2014 Commonwealth Games. To achieve this aim Amelia must be ranked in the top 25 gymnastics in the world which can only be gained through international competition.
5. Amelia trains up to 22 hours per week which includes ballet and jazz dance classes

##### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The following table provides a breakdown of costs

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Air fares	2,762
Accommodation	1,100
Uniforms	800
Insurance	326
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$4,988</b>

7. Amelia and her family are involved in on going club fundraising activities selling raffles, organising movie nights and commission sales.
8. This is the first time 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**

It is recommended that the Board approve the application and allocate \$500 to Amelia Coleman to compete in the Yule Cup and LA Lights Rhythmic Gymnastics Tournaments, subject to the approval of the additional \$5,000 for the Youth Development Scheme fund.