

**8. APPLICATION TO THE SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – ELIZABETH TALASKA**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Community Services Group, DDI 941-8607
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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding to the Board. The application is from Elizabeth Talaska and is for a grant from the Youth Development Scheme.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Elizabeth's family lives in St Albans, with Elizabeth boarding at St Kevins Catholic School in Oamaru. Previously she attended Marian College in Year 9 and 10. She is aged 16.
3. Elizabeth is participating in an Immersion trip to India departing on 8 December 2009 and returning on 10 January 2010. She will be part of a group of 30 students from three Canterbury schools: St Thomas, Villa Maria and St Kevins.
4. The group are spending two weeks undertaking volunteer work at Mother Teresa's in Calcutta with a week in New Delhi and Varanasi beforehand and a further week in Goa and Mumbai afterwards.
5. Elizabeth is involved in Waitaki SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving), the local Justice Awareness Group and Trade Aid (Oamaru). She also plays soccer, netball and touch.
6. Elizabeth notes that this trip will provide her with a great opportunity for self-development and teach her about leadership. The trip will also enable her to develop a deeper awareness of other cultures and provide an insight into the social inequalities of India. Her work at Mother Teresa's will teach her "more about perseverance, empathy, justice and injustice.
7. Elizabeth is the youngest of three sisters.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. The cost of this trip is \$4,600. Elizabeth has so far raised \$2,200 towards this trip via a Ceilidh at St Albans Catholic Church (\$1,350), selling chocolate (\$200), a quiz night (\$350) and has had donations from the school and church community (\$300).
9. Elizabeth has not indicated an amount that she is seeking through the Youth Development Scheme. The 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme has a current balance of \$2.610.

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

10. Yes.

**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. This application aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans.

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

13. Yes.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

14. This application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy and the Councils Youth Strategy

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

15. Yes.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

16. None required.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board decline the application from Elizabeth Talaska as the application is of a retrospective nature.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.