

10. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – ASHLEY WRIGHT

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval for an application for funding to the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The applicant, Ashley Wright, is a 15 year old (year 11) who lives in Hei Hei, and is seeking Community Board support to travel to Australia in November 2009 as part of the St Thomas of Canterbury Edmund Rice Group. At the time of writing this report there is an unallocated balance of \$3,850 remaining in the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.
3. The Edmund Rice Network is an association of Edmund Rice groups. The vision of the association is as follows "We are people who, inspired by Edmund Rice, are redirecting our energies and resources towards the empowerment of those at the margins of society, in particular youth". There are five schools associated with Edmund Rice in New Zealand, one of these being St Thomas of Canterbury.
4. Ashley Wright, as part of the Edmund Rice Group, is seeking funding of \$400 towards a trip to Brisbane, where he will be working with boys from one of the brother schools, St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace. Ashley will be working in several schools whilst in Australia, Inala and Milpera. Milpera is a school that has a large number of refugees from all over the world and Inala is a school set up to accommodate and teach children with special needs. Each morning the boys will be involved in working with a breakfast van that supplies food to homeless people in Brisbane, and Ashley will be working with a team of young people on a night service. These activities are to help the homeless as well as develop communication skills and team work.
5. The trip leaves Christchurch in the last weekend in November and returns at the end of the first week in December. Ashley believes that by going on this trip he will gain a greater awareness of the challenges homeless people face and he will be able to share this experience and knowledge he has gained to help others in need, on a voluntary capacity in New Zealand. The Australian schools will visit next year and this exchange will occur every year. Fundraising events will be held to assist the Edmund Rice senior students to go on this trip. They include, collecting scrap metal, a fundraising night at Time Out, quiz night and fundraising as individuals and as a group.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. The following table provides a breakdown of funding requested:

<b>ASHLEY WRIGHT</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Airfares	\$500
Accommodation	\$350
Transport	\$200
Clothing	\$50
Miscellaneous	\$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$400</b>

7. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Community Board's Youth Development fund. Ashley believes that this trip will help him build connections within the Edmund Rice Community in Australia as well as help his goal of travelling overseas and helping in other countries.

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

8. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Funding.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

9. There are no legal issues to be considered.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

10. Aligns with page 176 LTCCP, regarding Community Grants.

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

11. As above.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

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

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

13. As above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

14. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee approve the funding application and allocate \$400 to Ashley Wright as a contribution towards the Edmund Rice trip to Australia in November 2009 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.