

**4. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2009/10 – APPLICATION  
MARGOT GIBSON**

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

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board's 2009/2010 Youth Development Scheme.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The applicant is Margot Gibson, a 15 year old St Margaret's College student living in Fendalton.
3. Margot has been selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Team to compete in the World Cross Country Championships in Slovakia in April this year.
4. Margot is a member of the Christchurch Avon Athletics Club and has been competing in athletics and cross country since aged seven. She is the current the New Zealand age group record holder for the 1500 metres and has been the number one middle distance and distance runner for her age group in New Zealand for the last four years. This year Margot won the New Zealand Secondary Schools U16 Cross Country Championship for the third year running, which according to her coach, is one of the most difficult sporting titles to win in New Zealand sport.
5. Margot's running coach advises that in his experience as Olympic athlete and in 40 years of coaching, he has never seen a young woman with such natural athletic ability and talent. He likens her ability to that of Nick Willis at the same age and believes she has the potential to be a future Olympic athlete.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. The total cost for Margot to attend this event is \$6,300 which includes airfares, accommodation, food, transfers, uniforms and insurance. To contribute towards this cost Margot, with support of her club, organised a sponsored relay event which raised \$800.
7. This is the second time the applicant has applied to the Fendalton Waimairi Community Board for financial support. In 2008 Margot was granted \$350.

**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 2009/010 Board Discretionary Response Fund.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

10. Aligns with page 176, Volume 1 of the LTCCP, regarding community grants funding.

**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. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee recommend that the Board make a grant of \$300 to Margot Gibson to compete at the World Secondary Schools Cross County Championships in Slovakia in April 2010.