

**5. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2009/10 – APPLICATION
SHANNON DILGER**

General Manager responsible:	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 Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Shannon Dilger, 17 years old living in Fendalton. Shannon is currently having a gap year to focus on her dancing and plans to study law in 2011.
3. Shannon is requesting funds to go towards the cost of competing in the World Irish Dancing Championships in Glasgow, Scotland in April this year. She qualified for this event by winning the New Zealand Championships in Auckland last September.
4. Shannon belongs to the O'Neil School of Irish Dancing and has been dancing for thirteen years. She has been age group New Zealand Champion eight times and was placed 25th in last years World Championships held in Philadelphia.
5. Shannon performs regularly at rest homes and older adult clubs and is a member of the O'Neil School of Irish Dancing youth committee who are organising an Irish dancing event at the Aurora Centre to celebrate St Patricks Day. This will be an annual community event with any profits going towards the purchase of dresses which cost up to \$3,000 each.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The total cost for Shannon to attend this event is \$2,600 which includes airfares, accommodation and transfers. Shannon has been fundraising by doing babysitting, busking, dancing at events and has sold her drum kit and guitar. She also won a \$500 dancing scholarship which she is contributing towards the costs.
7. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for financial support.

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 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 Shannon Dilger to compete in the World Irish Dancing in Glasgow, Scotland in April 2010.